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It's Town Meeting time

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COVER STORY--Andover chose to put an endangered species on its town report cover this year -- one of the town's fire hydrants.

Andover will weigh options on hydrants and Town Office

By ALISON ALOISIO

Andover residents will have a full plate of issues to consider at Saturday's annual Town Meeting -- and the fate of the town's fire hydrants will likely be the main course.

This year's total proposed municipal budget, estimated at about \$338,060 by selectmen secretary Wendy Green, isn't far off from 1996's appropriated figure of

\$330,297. But the \$20,000 portion that currently goes to hydrant fees for the Andover Water District should trigger plenty of debate.

Voters will decide whether to continue getting fire protection from the hydrant system. AWD depends in part on the funds to operate.

Some townspeople who are not directly served by AWD favor com-

ing up with a different means of fire protection, such as purchasing a new, larger tanker truck.

In a potentially related article, townspeople will consider whether to re-establish a fire truck account. Selectmen are recommending \$10,000 initially for such an account, but the Budget Committee is recommending no funding.

Selectman Dick Plantier said the

the committee felt the funding was not something "we absolutely had to have."

The Water District has also been working on a plan to finance a new water system, to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act. A related issue to be decided Saturday is whether to approve a \$400,000

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West Paris hopes to repeat Saturday-turnout success

By DUANE HAYES

When the 1997 town meeting convenes this Saturday, March 1, it will mark the second consecutive year that West Paris has broken its tradition of a Tuesday meeting schedule.

The change of days last year came about because the usual Tuesday date being a day that conflicted with a statewide referendum, but

when that Saturday meeting drew more than 300 residents (as compared to the longtime average of only 130) the selectmen decided to try it again in order to gain a clear picture of whether to make Saturday meetings the tradition of the future.

When asked if as large a turnout is expected this year as last Selectman James Marshall said, "It

may not be quite as large because there aren't any real controversial articles in the warrant, but we expect it will still be larger than when we held the meeting in the evening."

It is expected, however, that there may be some discussion on the fire department and road accounts, as they have been cut slightly on the budget proposal. The usual discus-

sion will probably take place in the area of social services (always a hot issue in West Paris), "but other than that there aren't any articles we expect to raise many questions. However, you never know until the meeting is over what the people think is important," Marshall added. Saturday's meeting will begin

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Newry to decide on road improvements, grange hall work

By ALISON ALOISIO

A proposed highway capital improvement fund and renovations to the Grange Hall will likely draw the most discussion at Newry's annual Town Meeting on Monday (March 3).

Voters will be able to judge firsthand the need for Grange renovations -- the meeting will be held at that site for the first time in many

years. In recent history, voters have met at the R.C. Foster Building.

This year's proposed municipal budget is \$383,083, according to administrative assistant Sylvia Gray. That compares to last year's figure of \$408,740.

"I don't think it will impact taxes much," said Gray. "The revaluation will probably affect them more." The town is currently undergoing

a revaluation approved at last year's annual meeting.

Selectmen are proposing that the capital improvement fund be initially established with a \$50,000 appropriation. The tentative long-term plan calls for approximately \$284,000 over three to five years.

Among the projects under consideration, and estimated costs: rebuilding and paving the Sunday

River Road from the Skiway Access Road to the Monkey Brook Road (\$69,000, including a \$10,000 bike lane); paving approximately 3,000 feet of Valley View Road (\$8,372); ditching, culverting and paving the Sunday River Road from Monkey Brook Road to the entrance of Outward Bound

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MMA tax proposal would tap the pockets of skiers and nonprofits

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Maine Municipal Association thinks skiers and nonprofit institutions should dig a little deeper -- so that Maine property owners get some property tax relief.

The MMA proposal, which has the support of Speaker of the Maine House Elizabeth Mitchell, calls for raising an additional \$100 million in state sales-tax revenue, in order to finance a \$20,000 "homestead exemption" for all Maine residents.

The sales tax would be extended to cover not only ski tickets, but also to other recreational services, and a broad range of professional, personal and business services.

A further aspect of the MMA plan calls for nonprofit institutions to

contribute an additional \$100 million toward the cost of homestead exemption.

Such organizations would be required to pay towns a "service charge" of up to half the property tax they would pay were they not tax exempt.

Supporters of the proposal say the state is overly dependent on the property tax, which accounts for \$1.2 billion of the roughly \$2 billion the state raises from taxation.

By increasing sales-tax revenues and service fees, supporters argue, the tax burden for property owners could be relieved to a meaningful extent.

Property tax reform appears to have strong voter support. Mitchell

pointed to statewide surveys last year showing that more than three out of four voters believed major changes were needed in the state's tax system, and that of the state's three sources of taxes, property taxes were rated as the most objectionable by wide margin.

But property taxes have long been unpopular, and state Rep. Al Barth (R-Bethel) sees little chance the latest attempt at reform will fare better than earlier attempts.

"It's too broad and sweeping," Barth said, "and people (in Augusta) are reluctant to go ahead with huge changes."

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Six years of unpaid taxes may cost son the right to his parents' former home

By MICHAEL DANIELS

A Rumford man who wants to buy back his family's former home on Route 232 in Bethel will probably have to compete with other bidders for it.

The property, which was owned by George and Elizabeth Tuttle, is one of five acquired by the town last summer because their owners failed to pay property taxes.

In the case of the Tuttle property, no taxes have been paid since 1988.

The property consists of a currently unoccupied mobile home on an .8 acre of land. It is assessed by the town at \$23,900, and unpaid taxes, interest and lien fees total more than \$3,200, according to deputy

tax collector Christen Mason.

In June the Tuttle's son, George "Billy" Tuttle III, came into the Town Office to enquire about making payments on the back taxes. But he was told by Town Manager Madeleine Henley that the property had already been foreclosed on, and he would have to pay the full amount owed.

The younger Tuttle returned again earlier this month, with the money to pay off the full balance, but he was told by Henley that the foreclosure processes had proceeded to the point where the property now had to go to bid.

If Tuttle -- who said he has been paying his parents \$200 a month for

the property -- wanted it back, Henley said, he would probably have to compete with other potential bidders.

But Henley also told Tuttle that the selectmen had considerable latitude in handling tax-acquired property, so last week he took his case to the board.

The selectmen present (Rick Whitney and Dutch Dresser were not) expressed sympathy for Tuttle's situation, but they were also clearly reluctant to set a precedent that would, in effect, eliminate much of the incentive for property owners to pay their taxes in a timely manner.

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NEW POST OFFICE SITE?--Newry selectmen have received word that the Mary Morin property on the Sunday River Road is under consideration by the U.S. Postal Service for the site of a new Newry post office. Selectman Wendy Hanscom said Terry Brooks of the USPS told the town in a letter that no contract has yet been signed. An MDOT traffic engineer has looked at the property and determined there is adequate sight distance for an entrance, Hanscom said. The property is pictured at left here, with the turn to the Sunday River Access Road in the background. Approximately one-quarter of a mile away in the other direction, a new restaurant has been proposed (see story below). (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Future neighbors worry about noise from restaurant on site of Bean farm

By ALISON ALOISIO

Prompted by concerns from nearby property owners, the developers of a proposed Newry restaurant have agreed to limit the noise generated by musical entertainment on the site.

The Newry Planning Board has been considering plans presented by Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc., on behalf of Delfina Inc., which wants to build a 200-seat restaurant. The facility is expected to offer live entertainment and an outside barbecue area.

The board recently sent letters

regarding the project to approximately 40 property owners who about the site, which is located on the Sunday River Road, not far from the Skiway Access Road. Some abutters own property in nearby Coombs Village.

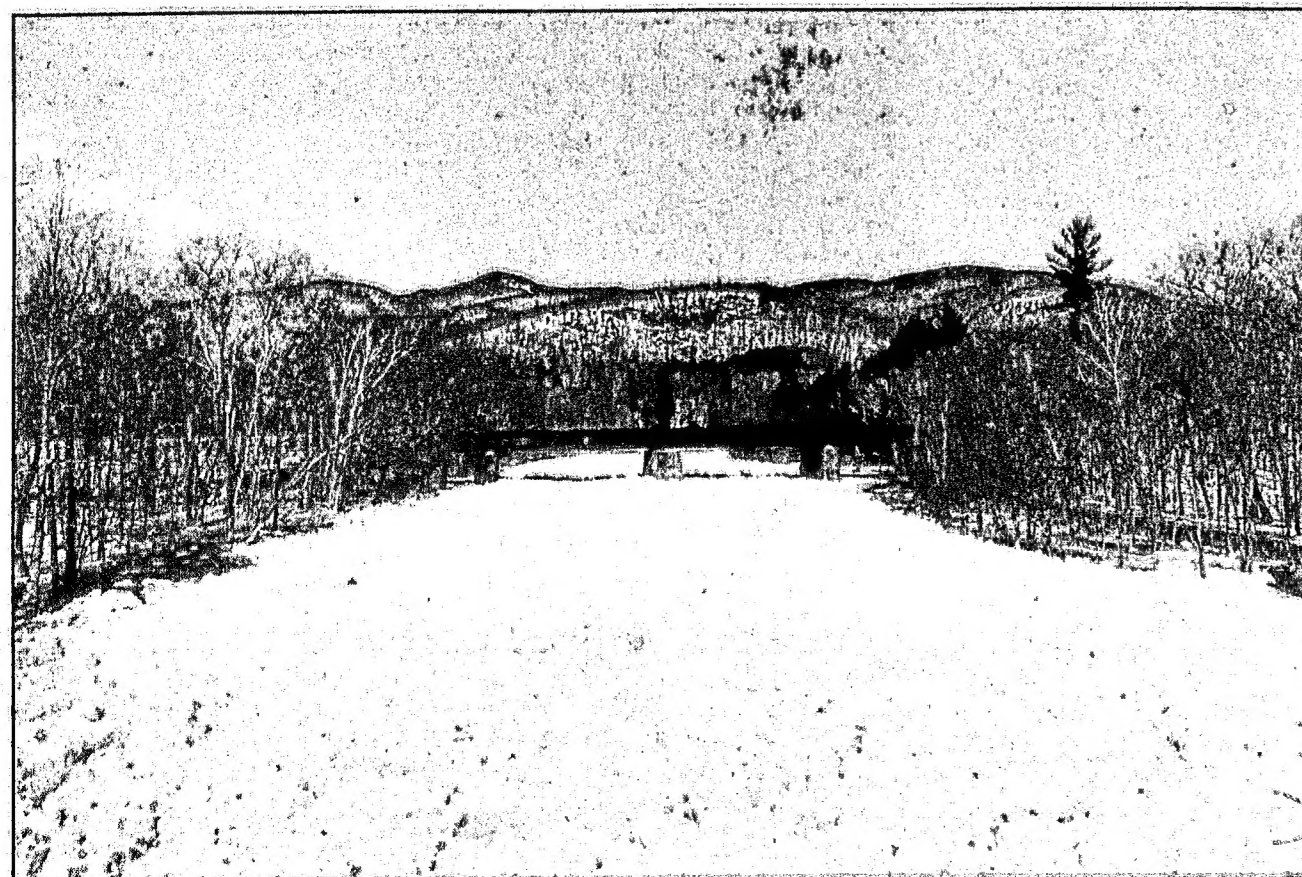
Two abutters responded with letters raising concerns over noise, lights, traffic and the effect on the

character of the area. One asked that the board deny the application.

Two other abutters attended last Wednesday's board meeting.

One, William Andrews, said that on some summer nights he can hear the band from the Sunday River Brewing Company.

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RIVER OF ICE--The Wild River in Gilead shows off the handiwork of winter. Just upriver from the Route 2 bridge, the ice in some places is stacked a dozen feet high. It's worth a drive to see, but bring snowshoes if you want to hike to the river's edge.

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Letters

SUPPORT ANDO. WATER DISTRICT

To the Editor:

For several years now the Andover Water District has been searching for a solution to the federally mandated requirements to upgrade the local water system. Progress under earlier Water District trustees was slow due to different ideas and disagreements. Over the past three or four months, however, the current Water Board seems to have made considerable progress. They have held numerous meetings to keep the residents informed about the plans, the engineering and the funding for the project. Now they need our support and confidence to complete the project.

This proposed water system is as important to Andover as road improvements, schools, street lights, or any other public facilities. Whether you are one of the approximately 120 subscribers to the water system, or not (as I am), I urge you to support a fire hydrant agreement between the Water District and the Town, and vote to support it at the Town Meeting.

Bob Iles
Andover

REMEMBERING BILL CONARY AND FRED McMILLIN

To the Editor:

Two life members of the Bethel Historical Society died this week and both should be remembered for their service to the organization. Bill Conary spent more than 15 years on the society's Finance and Investment Committee. Long involved in a career as a stockbroker and investment adviser, he brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the committee. We will miss his advice and counsel. Ever the gentleman, he was also a thoroughly positive person, who always greeted me warmly at the post office nearly every morning that he picked up his mail. Our schedules usually overlapped, so it was a real pleasure to see Bill and exchange a bit of news. I have missed seeing him the last several months as his health declined. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife Eleanor, an equally warm and gracious human being.

The other life member is Fred McMillin, who for over 20 years was a regular visitor to the society and helped in so many ways. Blunt in speech and irascible at times, he was one I came to know well over these many years. When I assumed ownership of the Hastings Homestead next door to the Bethel Historical Society and also to Fred as an abutter, I came in closer contact with him as a neighbor. In the late 1980s and the early 1990s, when so much work was done to the Hastings' property, Fred was there, keeping an eye on all the developments. Not everything met with his approval. When I had some trees cut to allow more sun into my garden spot, he told me in no uncertain terms what he thought of that project. According to him, no trees should ever be removed unless they were dead.

He repaired electrical fixtures for the society, checked on the building regularly, and served faithfully on the Building Committee. He also remembered a great deal of the past half century of life in Bethel and was generous with his time in sharing his memories. Our history is the richer for his contributions.

I was always impressed with what a reader Fred was. He appeared to miss nothing in the newspapers, magazines and books he read. Frequently, I had him read copy for the society quarterly, The Bethel Courier, to see if everything seemed correct. He liked to do that and sometimes had ideas for changes and additions.

Fred loved the local news and often came over when he learned some item that he knew would interest me. How he delighted in telling me of particular episodes, made all the more pleasurable if it was unflattering and involved people he disliked. He had a colorful repertoire of choice nicknames, especially for those whom he held in contempt.

Many residents have an enduring impression of Fred through his letters to the editor published periodically in the Bethel Citizen. He would spend hours working them up and they were usually very much to the point. I did not always agree with his ideas, but they certainly left no doubt how he felt about some local issue. How he laughed once when he told me some people thought that I had assisted him in writing them. We both knew that I like everyone else in Bethel never saw any of his letters until they appeared in print.

A final memory of Fred for many will be his nightly ritual in good weather of sitting on a Common park bench with his old friend Earl "Gee" Hutchinson. I sometimes took in their discussions, which were often animated and interesting as they reminisced about life in the past.

Fred was a tough-talking, no-nonsense guy, who could be formidable if he did not agree with someone's opinion. Some were even intimidated by him. Fred, however, had a softer side to his nature; he was very fond of animals, particularly cats. How well I remember seeing this crusty and sometimes difficult man turn positively mushy when it came to his beloved felines. To paraphrase a line from Robert Frost, one could do worse than be both a curmudgeon and an animal lover.

Much credit goes to his wife Mina and family for caring for him during his final years. These were not easy times for them and Fred was seldom a cooperative patient.

For the rest of my days, I will have fond memories of Fred despite all his complaints, quirks, and criticisms. He was a remarkable example of a dying breed in small Maine towns, the quintessential town character, unpredictable, often cranky and thoroughly memorable.

Stan Howe
Director, Bethel Historical Society

ENS. ALLEN'S RELATIVES SOUGHT

To the Editor:

Survivors of the sinking of the USS Oklahoma 7 December 1941 at Pearl Harbor intend to erect a monument to their comrades who perished on that "Date of Infamy." They ask for help in locating relatives of Ensign Stanley W. Allen: next of kin, Mother, Mrs. Stella W. Allen, 42 Main Street, Bethel. Please send information to: Paul Goodyear, 1138 Ave of Cotton, Casa Grande, AZ 85222.

Ralph C. Brown
Adjutant, Mundi-Allen Post #81, Bethel

NAZI GERMANY WAS A DEMOCRACY; AMERICA IS NOT

To the Editor:

During the past few years I have, through my radio station, meetings and such, tried to make people aware of the destruction of our civil rights. I, however, have never had anything personal to report. Until now!

In the wee hours of the morning on the 18th of February, I was on one of my midnight walks when I was detained (ever so briefly) by an officer of the Bethel Police.

He asked me who I was and I identified myself. He asked my birth date, which is none of his business. But I gave it to him, not wishing to ruin his evening or mine. He went his way and I mine.

Pretty innocent, no?

Meanwhile, as I walked in the woods behind the airport, all the "scanner heads" in the county listened to a desperate attempt to identify this ... this ... Greg Bluhm.

Upon my return the same officer stopped me and asked for a clarification on my name and to see my driver's license, which I declined.

Once again, he went his way and I mine.

I resent being considered a criminal until proven otherwise. Consider this, Article IV of the Bill of Rights states, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." Section 5 of the Maine Constitution is essentially the same.

Interesting. No reported crime, no warrant, no complainant, and no probable cause. Now my name has been entered into the KGB computer in Augusta. I have, to the best of knowledge, never been suspected of a crime, but now I may be questioned about my criminal activities by any police official in the world.

I must assume that the officer felt he was just doing his duty. After all, he is probably a graduate of the state storm trooper school, where he has been taught that it is his job to control the people for their own good, and he can take whatever steps necessary to accomplish that task.

Understand, no rights were infringed because the officer only made requests, and was reasonably polite at all times. But let's suppose I had been armed, which is my absolute right, and refused to answer his questions. What then?

Add to all this, I recently transferred all my property into a trust indenture. The state notified me recently that the \$25 in silver that I, in fact, received in consideration, was \$13,300. Forgive me for believing that my property is my property.

Today the state has refused to renew my driver's license, with a caveat that reserves my rights under the Constitution and enters me into no contract with the state. Since the Supreme Court said, in the case of *Murdock vs. Pennsylvania*, no state can convert a secured liberty into a privilege and charge a fee for it, I think that is kinda unlawful, don't you?

I hope everyone took the opportunity to watch "Schindler's List" over the weekend. Those who did now have a better perspective of where this government intrusion leads. That was the first attempt at a "New World Order."

Please remember two things. First, "Geben Sie mir Ihre Papiere," and, "Show me some form of ID," essentially mean the same thing. Nazi Germany was a democracy, which, contrary to Bill Clinton, our schools, and lawyers, America is not. Secondly, "The needs of the many outweigh the rights of the few," are not the words of Gene Roddenberry, they are a quote from Karl Marx.

N. Gregory Bluhm
Bethel

Taxes

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Ski tax not a new idea

The MMA's proposal is only the latest attempt to tax ski-lift tickets.

In 1991 then Gov. John McKernan proposed a similar tax as a means of balancing the state's budget.

The proposal was strongly opposed by individual ski areas and the Ski Maine Association. Eventually, McKernan dropped the idea.

Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry has not yet taken a position on the latest attempt to tax ski tickets. According to spokesman Mike Bertie the resort is waiting to evaluate the final form of any bill which results from the proposal.

But Ski Maine executive director Greg Sweetser said additional taxes would have a severe impact "on this fragile industry."

Sweetser cites a number of factors arguing against a sales tax, includ-

ing the fact that Maine ski areas must compete with ski areas in New Hampshire, where there is no sales tax. In-state skiers account for the majority of "skier days" in Maine, Sweetser said, and in many cases those skiers have easier access to New Hampshire ski areas than they do to those in Maine.

He also notes that ski area provide jobs in rural regions otherwise lagging in economic growth, and that ski area already generate taxes for the state, in the form of food and lodging taxes, real-estate property transfer taxes, payroll taxes; and sales taxes on capital improvements, electricity used to manufacture snow, other materials needed to produce the skiing product (for example, tickets and supplies) and sales taxes on equipment leases.

A sales tax would amount to "double taxation," on ski areas Sweetser argued.

Nonprofit service tax

Gould Academy would also be affected if the MMA proposal were to become law in its present form.

Gould paid \$26,378 in property taxes this year, based on a taxable valuation of \$1,800,600 (primarily faculty housing). But Gould also has more than \$11 million in exempt valuation.

Under the MMA proposal, Gould could be forced to pay a "service charge" equal to up to half of what would have had to pay had the \$11-plus million not been exempt.

Like Sunday River, Gould has not yet taken a formal position on the proposal. But associate headmaster Dutch Dresser, while conceding the need for property tax relief, said he sees the current discussion as symptomatic of larger social problems.

In an op-ed piece in this week's Citizen (below), Dresser gives his views the issue.

Looking behind the service-fee discussion

(Note: The following is a response by Gould Academy associate headmaster, Harry "Dutch" Dresser, Ed.D., to a recent proposal by the Maine Municipal Association to reduce the state's reliance on property taxes. His views are his own, and not necessarily those of Gould Academy. The Sun-Journal article to which he refers appeared on Feb. 14, and described the MMA proposal. Copies of the article are available at The Citizen office. A page one article in this week's Citizen also discusses the proposal.)

In a curious way, the Sun-Journal piece on the Maine Municipal Association's plan for broadening the tax base does a nice job of pointing up several social and governmental problems which are much larger and much more pervasive than the one it purports to make known. The article is about a growing tax burden on Maine's property owners -- clearly a problem worthy of discussion and action. The article is not about the fact that Maine citizens are already nearly the most taxed in the nation; the article is not about the social dissolution suggested by moves to tax cornerstones of our culture; the article is not about carefully examining governmental spending; and the article is not about reassessing the role of government and its insatiable appetite for taxpayer dollars. That these are not features of the newspaper article doesn't represent a lapse on the reporter's part; it's simply a reflection of the fact that Maine Municipal Association exists to support municipal officials in their efforts to run programs and to raise funds for those programs. If MMA doesn't please town managers, city managers and municipal officials, it ceases to exist. Unfortunately, that means that we can't expect MMA to ask the big questions.

I served on the 1995-96 Governor's Commission to Study the Growth of Tax-exempt Properties in the State of Maine. That commission was a thinly disguised effort on the part of counselors from Maine's largest cities to tax properties which are currently tax-exempt. Hospitals, independent schools, elderly housing units and private orders and organizations were the principal subjects of discussion of the most assertive commission members. Curiously, churches were not excluded from the legislation proposed by the group, but the property of environmental organizations was.

The legislation failed to make it beyond the Appropriations Committee largely because the assumption upon which the legislation was built proved to be invalid. That assumption was that tax-exempt property, as a proportion of all property in Maine, had grown over time thereby placing an inordinate burden on the property owner. In fact, in the last 15 years, the value of tax-exempt property in Maine as a proportion of the value of all property in Maine has gone down sig-

nificantly. What has placed an increased burden on property owners in Maine is increased governmental spending at nearly all levels.

Should the tax base in Maine be broadened to reduce burden on the property owner? Probably it should. At the same time, we need to recognize that Mainers are already among the most taxed people in the nation and ensure that increases in sales taxes result in decreases in property taxes and that service fees (taxes on formerly tax-exempt property), should they be levied, result in reductions in property taxes. I'm not at all convinced that the legislature will have the wisdom to hold steady or decrease spending while simultaneously increasing revenues remarkably.

In all simple explanations, service fees on tax-exempt properties sound fair and reasonable. In fact, they're quite controversial and their implementation will be very complicated if it's to be equitable. For example, in Portland sewer and water services are provided by the city. That means that a church in Portland enjoys not only freedom from property tax but also freedom from sewer and water bills. It's easy to understand Portland wanting remuneration for those direct cost services provided to the tax-exempt entity. In many towns, like Bethel, water and sewer services are provided by districts far enough out from under the municipal umbrella to send the church a bill for its services.

To be sure, the tax-exempt organizations in Bethel, and similar towns, do enjoy the fact that the towns maintain the roads and have police and fire departments. Many tax-exempt organizations, like Gould Academy, make substantial payments in lieu of taxes in recognition of those services.

If the newspaper depiction of the MMA proposal is complete, it fails to recognize what amounts to a significant difference in the direct cost of services utilized by tax-exempt properties of different types and in different communities. The proposed assessment of those fees on bases other than actual use bases makes what are termed "user fees" simply taxes.

While these are all fascinating machinations driven by bureaucrats with large appetites for money to spend, there is a much more interesting and perplexing question which isn't being uttered -- it goes something like this. Have we reached such a state of social and cultural dissolution that governmental appetite for revenue is more compelling than continued support of those organizations and institutions which have long been considered cornerstones of our society? I've been involved in this discussion at a number of levels now, and I'm deeply saddened that this question, or some corollary of it, isn't at the root of public discourse on this important business.

THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

All members and friends of the Bethel Historical Society are reminded that the next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This will be another Oral History Night at the society with veterans of the Korean War present to share their memories. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend. All Korean War veterans who wish to come and share their experiences with those attending are especially welcome.

The Korean War (1950-53) is for many Americans "the forgotten war." Over 33,000 Americans were killed during the conflict, but the sacrifices made by these veterans in the cause of freedom have been largely overshadowed by interest in World War II and the Vietnam War.

The 23rd Annual Heritage Day was held on Feb. 22 at the Dr. Moses Mason House. Visitors came from as far away as Texas and Oregon this year. Spinning, weaving, chair caning, quilting, and basketmaking were among the crafts being demonstrated during the afternoon by Louise Seames, Eva Paulsen, Lorrie Hoeh, Barbara Honkala, Hans Paulsen, Hildy Danforth, and Robin Henne. Helen Morton worked on a painting.

Historical videos were shown during the afternoon, a local art show was featured, and representatives from the Otisfield Historical Society were present to sell their town's history. Persis Post served Indian pudding from the hearth of the winter kitchen for special tours of the museum conducted by Judy Haskell.

LOOKING BACK

10 years ago: Terry Perry and Ricky Osgood were appointed as reserve officers for the Town of Bethel. Emily Stewart and Steve Blake, in cooperation of SAD44, Gould Academy, and Sunday River Resort were leading a group of Gould Academy student instructors in training beginning CPS students to enjoy skiing (later called the Rug Rat program). Birth: Daniel Brown. Deaths: John Allen Sr., Iola Forbes, Phillip Faudi.

20 years ago: The Telstar ski team won the Class "A" state ski championship. Donald W. Fudge was appointed headmaster of Gould Academy to succeed Richard J. Dolven in June. Carolyn Brooks was presented a citation of distinguished service for faithfulness, loyal cooperation and increased membership enrollment at a district meeting of the American Legion. Births: Benjamin Whiting, Matthew Hatch. Marriage: Marguerite Jodrey and Francis Humphrey. Deaths: Alden Chase, Lena Chapman.

30 years ago: Charter member Albert Grover was presented a life membership card, a Certificate of Participation, a Century Pin for enrolling 100 members, and a National Commander's Cap Badge by Dana Brooks, commander of Mundi-Allen Post American Legion, Bethel. Bethel carnival queen candidates were: Vicki Brown, Debbie Bolen, Janis Ken-nagh, Beth Andrews and Anita Young. Births: Douglas Perham, Debbie McLaughlin. Deaths: Archie Young Sr., Anna Coolidge, Bessie Learned, Ambrose Brooks, Grace Wilson.

40 years ago: John P. Howe was elected director of Northwest Wood Products clinic in Moscow, Idaho. A party of 20 officers and employees of the Rumford Bank & Trust Co. enjoyed a dinner at Bethaven Inn (now Norseman Inn). Marriage: Emily Doepp and Donald Lord. Deaths: Cora Sawin, Lucy Fox.

50 years ago: The Bethel P.T.A. held a public card party at the Community Room. Prizes were as follows: contract: Celia Gorman, high; Alma Young, low; auction: Charles Chapman, high; Mrs. Dana Philbrook, low; whist, Walter Enman, high; Emma Van, low; 63: Hulda Stevens, high; Blanche Bennett, low. The Gould Academy ski team placed sixth in the New England championships. Death: Ada Powers.

100 years ago: Bethel reported a valuation of \$819,704. The assets of the town were recorded as \$18,171.20, the liabilities \$36,892.46, resulting in a negative balance of \$18,721.26. Birth: Muriel Park.

Water/ground Temps.

The Bethel Water District reports the following water and ground temperatures as of Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Water	36 degrees
Ground	
--3 feet	31 degrees
--4 feet	33 degrees
--5 feet	35 degrees
--6 feet	36 degrees

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Briefly

Merton Brown pleads to lesser charge

PARIS--Former Bethel Town Clerk Merton Brown pled guilty Monday in Oxford County Superior Court to a Class D theft charge (in excess of \$1,000 but not in excess of \$2,000), according to secretary Hazel Dillingham of the District Attorney's office. Brown was charged in May with embezzling \$10,900 (Class B theft) from the Maine Town and City Clerks Association. The theft allegedly took place between 1993 and 1995, while Brown was treasurer of the association. Restitution was made on the \$10,900, Dillingham said. Brown received a \$1,000 fine on the lesser charge. A year ago he was fired from his position as Bethel town clerk following a conviction for shoplifting a \$2.49 battery.

Greenwood report may be briefer

GREENWOOD--Selectmen are considering issuing this year's town report after the Town Meeting because of confusion regarding some accounts, according to selectman Marie Bartlett. They don't believe accurate figures from the auditor will be available in time for Town Meeting on March 29. Selectmen have been consulting with the town's attorney, Geoffrey Hole, and were expected to make a decision last night (Tuesday night). Regardless of the decision, warrant articles will be mailed to residents. The town is currently conducting an audit, following the resignation of town manager Elizabeth Lavalette. Lavalette has been accused of embezzling while town clerk of West Stockbridge, Mass. Bartlett said selectmen believe the money that came in and went out balances, but some accounts are crossed. Auditor David Hoisington will attend the Town Meeting to answer questions, Bartlett said.

Bingo weeks may be longer

AUGUSTA--By a vote of 11-2, the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee of the Maine legislature has recommended that the number of weeks a year Indian tribes may conduct high-stakes bingo be increased to 40. When the Maine law authorizing high stakes bingo was passed in 1987, the limit was 18 weeks a year. That limit was raised to 27 in 1991. The committee's recommendation must still be approved by the legislature, but that approval is likely, said Rep. Al Barth (R-Bethel). Currently, there is one high-stakes bingo operation in Maine, run by the Penobscot Nation on Indian Island. The Passamaquoddy Tribe has proposed building another operation in nearby Albany. As of yet, however, no application has been submitted to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission.

AWD negotiates for land

ANDOVER--A vote last week by the Andover Water District to start eminent domain proceedings on Susan Ricker's land has prompted earnest negotiations on the property, according to trustee Anne Glazier. The land would be used as a well site. "We are optimistic that something can be worked out without going to eminent domain," Glazier said Tuesday. The district has been looking at several properties for a new ground water source to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The trustees said Thursday they disliked the prospect of using eminent domain but felt they had no other choice, given time constraints for compliance.

No charge in loader accident

WOODSTOCK--Road crew member Robert Seames escaped injury last week when live electrical wires fell on his bucket loader. Seames had been clearing snow from an embankment on the Andrews Road when part of the loader hit a utility pole guy wire and snapped it. The pole broke also, and wires fell on the loader, slipped off and landed nearby. Playing it safe, Seames stayed in the bucket loader. Eventually a passerby called for help, and a Central Maine Power crew came and turned off the power. Seames was then able to back the loader safely away.

Bear River Rd. name change proposed

NEWRY--A bill has been proposed by Rep. Rob Cameron (R-Rumford) to rename the Bear River Road the Bernard Powers Road, after the late MDOT employee who maintained it for many years. Newry selectmen, however, are concerned the change would be confusing to residents who have long known that section of Route 26 as the Bear River Road. Administrative assistant Sylvia Gray said Tuesday the state is now considering keeping the Bear River Road name officially, but erecting a sign dedicating the road as the Bernard Powers Memorial Highway.

Referendum petition drive underway

ANSON--A citizens' group is circulating a petition in support of a referendum question to allow medical patients to 1) possess and procure or grow their own supply of marijuana; 2) protect doctors from persecution or harassment by the government for recommending the use of marijuana; and 3) set up a program for supply and distribution of marijuana to those who can't grow or procure their own. The group Citizens Initiative Referendum Petition For Medical Marijuana is attempting to gather the required 52,000 signatures to place the question on a statewide ballot. The earliest date possible for the referendum is November of 1998, although CIRPFMM said the legislature could bring it before the people in 1997, "considering that the citizens of Arizona and California overwhelmingly passed, by a 2 to 1 margin, similar legislation at the polls in 1996, showing the will of the people." For more information call 738-4367.

Loon denied expansion rehearing

CONCORD, Mass.--The United States Court of Appeals has denied Loon Mountain Corp. a rehearing of a case involving the proposed expansion of Loon Mountain Ski Area in the White Mountain National Forest. The Appeals Court had earlier ruled that the U.S. Forest Service failed to abide by federal law by giving the ski area a permit to expand. The lawsuit was filed by RESTORE: The North Woods and a private citizen. On Dec. 19, 1996, the Appeals Court ruled the USFS failed to conduct the appropriate environmental review of the proposed expansion, failed to allow the public to review and comment on the proposal, and failed to protect Loon Pond from pollutants. Loon Mountain proposed to drain one-third of the water from the pond for snowmaking, according to RESTORE. The pond is a drinking water resource.

Sugarbush hotel plan OK'd

WARREN, Vt.--The Warren Planning Commission has given preliminary approval to a revised proposal for a 153,000-square-foot hotel at the Sugarbush resort. The original plan was rejected 4-3 by the commission last month because of concerns over traffic, landscaping and finances. The changes to the plan included relocating the hotel south of the village to preserve a small trout stream, constructing a secondary access road to improve traffic circulation, and reconfiguring the building itself. A committee comprised of resort and town officials worked out the plan. Sugarbush had appealed the original rejection to the state Environmental Court, but commission chairman Ron Zschaler said resort officials apparently had a change of heart since the work committee began its efforts.

Residents want action on tires

BOWDOIN--State officials say they'll spend at least \$2.5 million to start cleaning up Maine's largest tire dump, but residents want more done. "There's a lot of frustration in this town," said resident Jim Moulton. Some in town were upset the state Department of Environmental Protection arranged to use tires from a smaller dump in Durham as landfill in a Maine Turnpike project rather than take tires from Bowdoin. Paula Clark, director of the agency's solid waste division, said officials already had done work on the Durham dump and the tires were more accessible. The DEP last week told a meeting of about 30 residents it would remove about 2.5 million tires and build fire lanes through the piles of the remaining 18 million tires. Clark said more than 2.5 million tires might be removed if the state got a good deal on disposal. It could cost more than \$13 million to remove all 20 million tires in the dump, Clark said. Last November, Maine voters approved a \$16.5 million bond issue that included \$5 million to protect public health from the threats posed by tire piles.

From the Bethel Police log:

Request to use phone arouses suspicion

On Feb. 18 at 8:10 p.m. a Route 26 resident reported a male subject came to her door and asked to use her phone. The subject said his vehicle had broken down and he needed to call his wife. The complainant told him she would make the call for him. The subject was very reluctant to give his name or number, but finally gave a first name and phone number. When the complainant tried the number it was disconnected. The subject seemed very nervous. Police searched the area but were unable to locate the subject.

Thursday, Feb. 20

At 1:30 p.m. a subject was stopped for improper passing on the left and was issued a written warning. A subsequent check of his Massachusetts license showed he was under suspension in Maine. John A. Martino II, 40, of Rockport, Mass. was issued a summons for OAS and the vehicle was towed.

At 11:45 p.m. a subject was stopped on Route 2 for speeding. Police observed a beer can in the rear of the vehicle, took it out, and saw it was half full of beer and cold. The passenger said it was his and that he was drinking it. The same passenger also admitted that a marijuana pipe located in the vehicle on the floor near his feet was his. A third subject got out of the vehicle and tried to push the officer out of the way. He was put in handcuffs and detained, and was eventually released to an adult. All three subjects were juveniles, and juvenile petitions were scheduled to be completed on them for the following: subject 1, illegal transportation of alcohol by a minor; subject 2, possession of drug paraphernalia and alcohol by a minor; subject 3, assault.

Friday, Feb. 21

At 1:30 p.m. a Mayville Road resident reported wires down on Elm Street. Police found the wires at the intersection of Elm and Summer Streets. The officer contacted the dispatcher and asked the phone and cable companies be notified. After determining the wires posed no apparent hazard to vehicles, the officer left.

At 1:20 a.m. a subject was stopped on Spring Street for a defective tail light. The license came back suspended in South Carolina, and the subject possessed no license in Maine. Jennifer A. Spencer, 22 (no address given) was issued a summons for operating without a license. A licensed driver was allowed to operate the vehicle.

Correction

Charge was failure to appear: An account in the Feb. 19 police log should have said that Stephen A. Polli was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear on an OUI charge.

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1997 Town Meetings

Town	Date	Time	Place
Andover	March 1	9 a.m.	Town Hall
West Paris	March 1	10 a.m.	Agnes Gray
Newry	March 3	7 p.m.	Grange
Upton	March 13	7 p.m.	School Bldg.
Gilead	March 22	7 p.m.	Town Hall
Greenwood	March 29	10 a.m.	Town Hall
Woodstock	March 24	7 p.m.	WES

Bethel holds its annual Town Meeting in June.



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Andover

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Community Development Block Grant application to improve the water system. The town would apply on behalf of the Water District, according to Plantier. AWD would provide about 20 percent in matching funds.

Renovate Town Hall?
Besides dealing with the water system, voters will also decide whether to renovate the Town Hall to accommodate municipal offices. The current Town Office was heavily damaged in a Feb. 1 fire. Also to be decided is whether to put vinyl siding on the Town Hall, at an estimated cost of \$20,000, or paint the building, for approximately \$8,000.

There are also a number of Fire Department-related articles -- some-

of which voters have seen before. In a carry-over issue from last year, voters will decide whether to adopt a Fire Department Ordinance, which would outline rules and responsibilities. Voters had asked for, and now have, wording that would require the fire chief to negotiate his pay with selectmen.

The question of purchasing a five-inch fire hose is also back again from two years ago, when it was defeated. Green said Fire Chief Ken Dixon has been able to purchase some hose since then, and would like to obtain another 1,000 feet.

A new article proposes \$5,000 to establish a building fund for the East Andover Fire Station, which Green described as being in deteriorated condition.

Other articles include: to see if the

town will go to a line-item budget; to decide whether to raise money to build a three-sided structure at the transfer station; to see if the town will purchase a truck to haul household trash and recyclables from the transfer station; to decide whether to authorize selectmen to enter into a 10-year extension and amendment to the original 10-year agreement for a joint ambulance service.

Three-percent raises for town officers and employees will also be considered.

In municipal elections, all incumbents are running unopposed, Green said. They include Plantier and school director Sid Pew.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Restaurant

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"It's not like going to your neighbor and saying, 'Can you turn it down?' Knowing we can hear all the way from the Brew Pub makes me think there are going to be some noisy nights," said Andrews.

Newry's ordinance does not address noise regulation in a specific way. It only directs that in considering projects, the Planning Board balance the interest of the applicant against the right of abutters to enjoy their property without "undue disturbance" from sources that include noise, glare and traffic.

The board wrestled with that language, with some members saying it gave them no right to specify noise levels. "This is in a commercial zone," said Don Sandstrom. "I don't think we can restrict it."

But chairman Joe Aloisio disagreed, saying that given the abutters' concerns, the board should try to set conditions.

The planners discussed setting a decibel level to be measured at the property line. But Main-Land's Tom DuBois said, "The number you would pick is subjective, not objective. Would you pick a different number for the next project?"

DuBois said the board might specify that music be acoustical in nature, without the amplification typical of rock bands. "Our intent is to offer background entertainment, as opposed to drawing entertainment," he said.

Planner Art Marshall eventually offered a compromise motion requiring that musical entertainment be inside only, and it be acoustical with relatively low volume.

The motion was approved 5-2, with Joanne Mercier and Norm Davis opposed. Mercier said she felt the board had set the noise language without enough consideration, and Davis said it would set a precedent. DuBois, for his part, said the condition was not a problem.

Andrews also said he was satisfied with the condition. "It seems to be a reasonable compromise," he said.

The board will vote again on the condition as part of the final approval process. The next meeting is March 5.

West Paris

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with voters electing municipal officers, including a selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor for three years, a town clerk for one year, a SAD17 school director for three years, a SAD17 school director for two years, a road commissioner for three years, and a Water District director, also for three years.

For selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor, incumbent Wade Rainey will be running for a third term.

Current Town Clerk Dian Stimson, who also serves as tax collector, treasurer, bookkeeper and registrar of voters, will be running again. Stimson has served for 11 and one-half years.

The SAD17 School Committee seats will involve incumbent director James Kimball seeking his second three-year term, and Howard "Bud" Corbett running to complete an unexpired term vacated by Raymond Brown in 1996.

Incumbent Water District Director Philip Edmunds will be seeking another three years on that board.

Following the elections, residents then will be asked to consider and vote on an extensive warrant of 72 articles, and consider a proposed budget of \$363,359 or one of \$364,377, both of which are slightly lower than the \$370,092 of 1996.

The two proposals are a result of differences in opinion between the selectmen, who are recommending the lower figure, and the Budget

Committee, which sees a slightly higher need. The areas where the differences come involve funding for the Tri-Town Ambulance and Rescue Service and Tri-County Mental Health Services.

The selectmen propose \$9,917 for rescue, the same as 1996, but the Budget Committee is split between the full request of \$11,404.55 and the \$9,917 proposed by the selectmen.

The committee also split 4-4 on the recommendation for mental health services with half the group voting no money and the others opting to support \$1,073, the same as 1996.

In the same area the selectmen are proposing \$1,073, the same as last year.

Both panels are recommending lowering the account for plumbing inspector, code enforcement officer and health officer from \$2,000 to \$1,000, giving no monies to the Rape Education and Crisis Hotline and the American Red Cross, as they feel those agencies should be funded by private donations, and both groups agreed on proposed cuts for the fire department and highway department equalling cuts of \$2,000 and \$12,000 respectively.

Both groups agreed on all major accounts, as well as on a number of minor accounts of less than \$10,000 each.

Saturday's meeting will be held in the gymnasium at the Agnes Gray School on Main Street, and will begin at 10 a.m.

Newry

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(\$127,000); and paving two sections of the Branch Road (\$40,000).

The Grange Hall renovation calls for \$16,000 for a complete kitchen renovation and bathroom installation. In recent years the town's Recreation Committee has sponsored a number of suppers and other family entertainment activities at the hall.

Townpeople will also vote on

whether to elect a road commissioner, beginning in 1998, to supervise the road crew and check road maintenance progress.

The office was eliminated two years ago when the town voted to contract out for road maintenance. D.A. Wilson currently handles that job.

In municipal elections, selectman Bill Wight is expected to be a can-

didate for reelection, Gray said, as is animal officer Alan Fleet.

Salary increases for Gray (2 percent) and deputy town clerk and tax collector Beth Bean (14 percent) are also included in a salaries and administration article. "She deserves more," said Gray of Bean.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m., and will be preceded by a pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m.

Home

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Henley said that over the period the foreclosure process was unfolding, the Town Office staff had made numerous phone calls to the Tuttle and sent certified letters -- which were returned unopened.

She also noted that the selectmen had extended three 15-day grace periods, to allow owners to repurchase properties even after the 18-month foreclosure periods had run their

course. Elizabeth Tuttle, who was present with her husband Monday, said she recalled receiving only one phone call and one letter during the foreclosure process.

But she took the blame for much of the breakdown in communication. "It's not really Billy's fault; it's our fault," she said.

Board Chairman Bob Chadbourne

described Tuttle's case as "an extremely difficult situation."

"I'm sorry things are where they are," he said, "but as you can see there have been many attempts to get this resolved."

With two members absent, the board opted to put off a final decision on the matter until its next meeting, Monday, March 3, in the Town Office meeting room.

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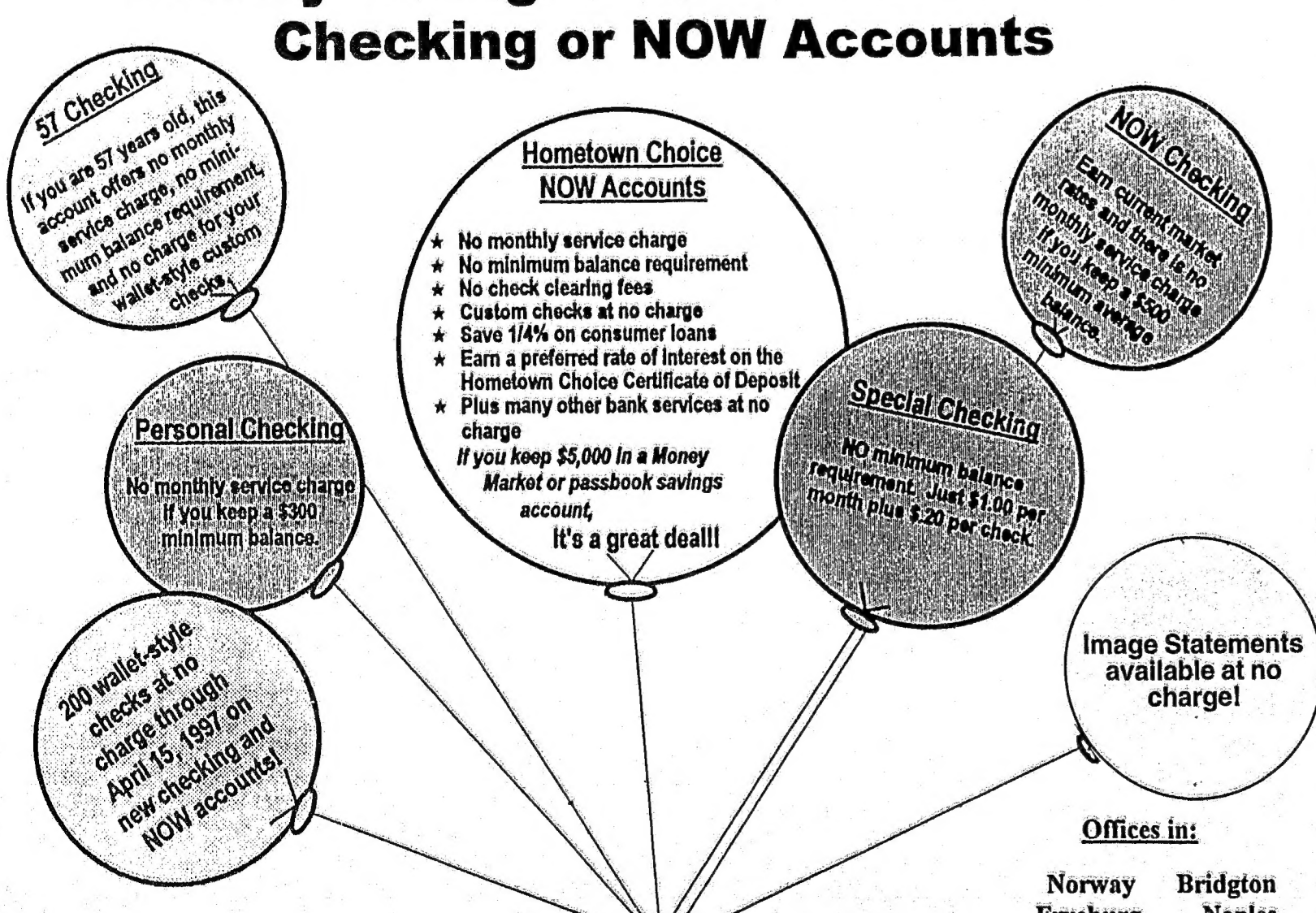
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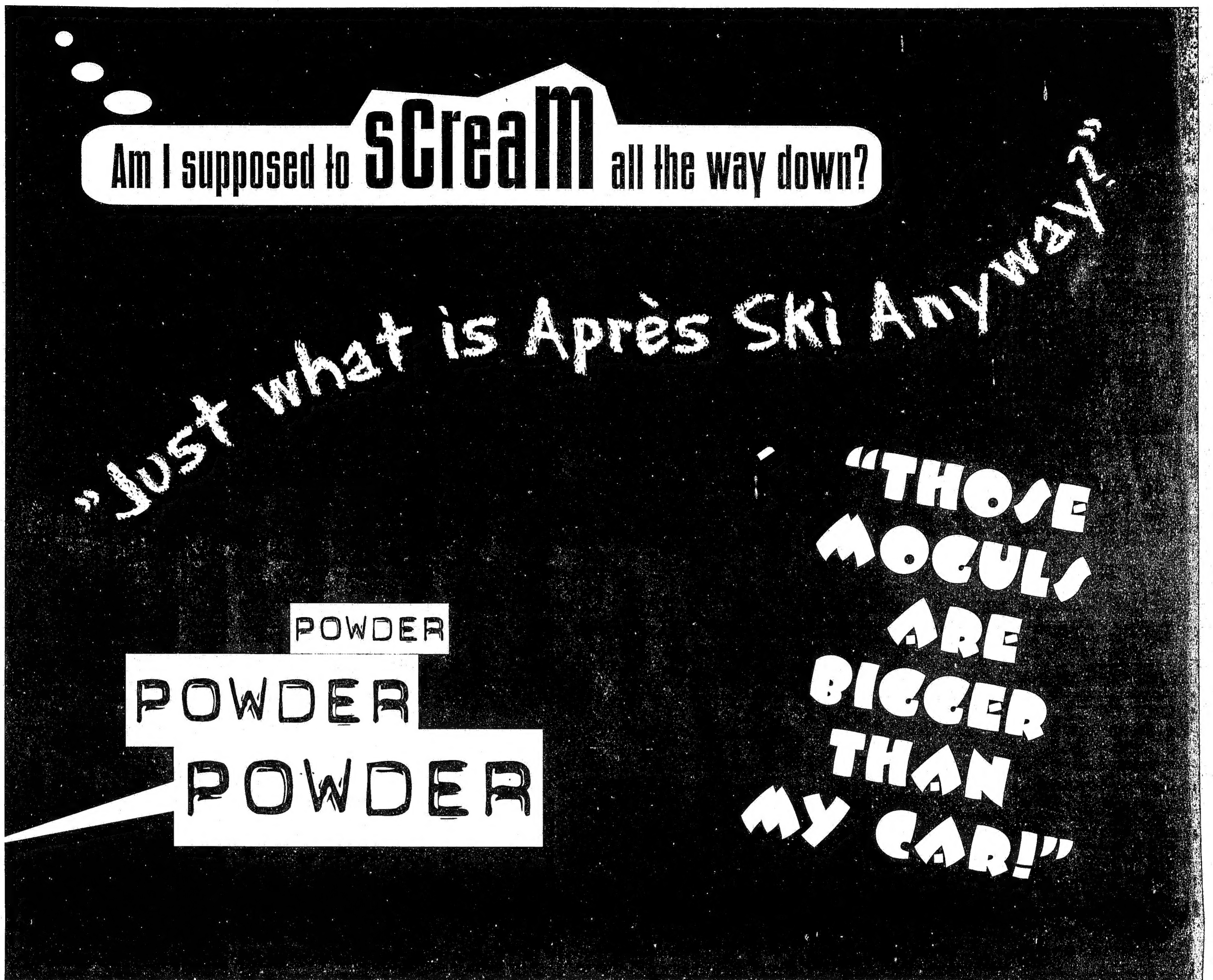
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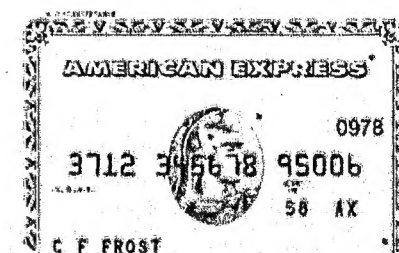
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Bethel



by Phyllis Dock
Frances Saunders has returned home after spending a few days at Rumford Community Hospital.

Alberta Olson and her son, Kevin Bean, have returned home from their trip to Florida.

Mrs. Vicki Parker and son Derek of Woodbury, Conn., are in Bethel for a few days, visiting relatives and skiing.

Lyndell Carter had cataract surgery last week. Rita Davis drove her to Portland.

Stuart, Becky, Kailee and Colin Wagner of Dennyville visited Becky's parents, Bob and Polly Davis, during the school vacation.

Robert Cole had dinner with Charlotte Cole of Greenwood Sunday and then they visited Amy and Roger Hanscom at Rumford Community Home. They attended the church service that the Rev. Deborah Jenks held for the residents of the home and Charlotte furnished music on her guitar for the singing.

Rebecca Ricker of Bethel House and Clara Whitman of Bryant Pond visited Grace Morrill at Norway Convalescent Center recently and reported her doing well and that she is very happy there.

Recent visitors of Irene Russell at the Bethel House were Tom and Gayle Russell of Bryant Pond and Rose Hutchins of Hanover.

Vada Glover of Rumford visited Ruth Cummings at the Bethel House. They went to Wal-Mart, had lunch at Shaners and as usual played cribbage as well as had a nice visit. Musa Brown's brother, Hugh "Cubby" Swan is seriously ill with

pneumonia. He is at Maine Medical Center, Portland.

Peggy Wheeler has been very ill with spinal meningitis. She is at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Bruce Gagnon and daughter Nicole of Cumberland Center and Mrs. Robert Chadbourn were recent dinner guests of Irene Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell of Bryant Pond were recent callers at Irene Russell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hanscom Sr. and Ruth Cummings were in Norway on Monday.

Irene Russell visited her sister-in-law at Ledgewood Nursing Home in West Paris on Monday.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
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East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Rebekah Howe made the honors list at Telstar High School for the last quarter. Sixth-grader

Kane Olson made the honors list for the second quarter.

The public meeting for the Planning Board is March 5 at the Crescent Park School Multi-Purpose Room at 7 p.m.

Jill Olson and Lisa Haines were home from U.M.F. for the February break. Both girls returned to school on Feb. 23.

Neil and Linda Olson visited her brother in Connecticut recently. He says he will be accepting donations, as he had fun at one of the casinos there.

Ellen Brandt and her three sons from Groton, Mass., visited Jack and Lucy Nordahl for one week recently. They had a good time while here.

Sonny and Bettyann Hastings and Florence visited Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hastings and children in Corinna on Feb. 22.

Mary Alice Bancroft and Ann Morton walked from Bethel to the Corner and back to visit Florence Hastings on Feb. 23. They have to walk an extra mile each week.

Judy Smith of Bucksport visited Arlene Harrington on Feb. 22 and 23.

An article in last week's paper stated that the pipeline will be buried three and one-half feet below the ground, which means that it will set on top of water pipes. I think the water pipes are down four feet in order to get below the frost line.

I do not know how deep the phone cable is that goes under the road in

many places. All the trees and bushes that have a root system that comes to within three or four feet of the pipeline will come down. That means a very naked road from the old Cross Road all the way to Rumford.

How close, or how far apart are the safety valves going to be? How quick will they be turned off if a leak occurs?

Will this pipeline go under buildings too close to the road, like Polly Smith's garage or Wally Hannigan's porch?

Richard and Pat Kimball moved into their new log cabin about Feb. 5. There are still things that need to be done.

Where is the Middle Intervale Road Route 232?

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West Bethel



by
Karen Paul
Candy and Gabrielle Lemay came on the train to Bethel to visit Dot Bennett and Lonnie and Freda Davis. This was Gabrielle's first trail ride.

Pleasant Valley Grange will meet on Feb. 27. Shelburne Grange will be putting on a surprise program. The weather has been good for business, keeping our two motels full during February.

Lorna (Bean) Mahar and family, John, Ramsey, Johnny and Linda are operating the Androscoggin Valley Motel.

The Patel family is running the Pleasant River Motel. J.P. and Ramilla were originally from India, near Bombay. They came to the States 10 years ago to work in Boston and moved here to buy and operate the motel.

The community has lost two great friends, Jason Smith and Bill Conary; their warm smiles touched many folks.

There is a beautiful train from Sweden which sits at the Bethel Station Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It leaves Portland at 6:20 a.m., Yarmouth at 6:45 a.m. and Auburn at 7:35 a.m. The ride is fun and relaxing with 10 cars to wander through. You can have breakfast and read the paper while the engineer and other crew members work to get you to your destination. The train arrives in Bethel at 9 a.m. where buses, taxis and friends await to transport you to the next stop on your journey. The round-trip cost is \$19, and I've been told it's well worth the cost.

Area folks are encouraged to stop in at Bethel Station and tour through the train. It is an interesting place to visit for young and old alike. Oh, by the way, if anyone wants to take the train to Portland, Yarmouth or

Auburn, you can step aboard at any time, buy your ticket and depart Bethel at 4:30 p.m. You may buy a one-way ticket or round-trip. It would be fun to ride to Portland, spend the evening and return the next day.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

Alice Wardwell was guest of her sister, Beatrice Farnum, on Saturday while the rest of the family went ice fishing.

Vacation week means lots of company. Joseph and Maggie Hoyt visited their dad, Jim Hoyt, and grandparents, Alice and Ken, from Friday to Sunday. Also visiting was Marybeth Hoover. On Sunday, Bob and Gwenn came until Tuesday evening. Monday evening, Ken, Bob and Gwenn, Ray and Shawn Crockett skied under the lights at Mt. Abram, and Ray and Shawn stayed Monday night and Tuesday with their grandparents, Ken and Alice Hoyt. The kids and grandpa have done a lot of ice fishing.

On Monday, Marybeth Hoover had five school chums over for a day of fun playing and ice fishing with dad and grandpa.

Sympathy is extended to Philip Korhonen and family in the loss of his mother and to the Poland family of South Woodstock in the loss of Leon Poland Sr.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, March 6, at the Town Annex for a potluck dinner. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share and your own place setting. Linda Haegle from Community Concepts will be the speaker. All are welcome.

Franklin Grange 127 met on Monday night with a potluck supper and meeting. Twenty-seven were present. Connie Tutlis, deputy and Deaf

Awareness chairman, and Lewis and Myrtle Bisbee, deputies, were present. The next meeting will be the Blueberry Muffin Contest -- bring blueberry muffins to be judged. The charter was draped for a departed member. I do not have all the program, but was told Laura Hutchins played the accordion, Dot Canwell whistled, and there was a valentine contest with some real nice valentines. I don't know the winners.

Marybeth Hoover spent Tuesday afternoon and night with her friend Abby Hutchins at Robert and Wilma Day's.

Barbara Hathaway was guest of honor at the Weather Vane in Portland on Monday, Feb. 17. Michael and Penny Hathaway hosted the surprise dinner to celebrate her 80th birthday. Attending were Mike and Penny Hathaway of Madison, N.H.; Marc and Brenda LaForce and Brian Hathaway of Dover, N.H.; Bruce and Susan Glines of West Paris; Linda and Rachel Stowell of West Bethel and the honored guest of Bryant Pond. A beautiful birthday cake was presented, with the waitresses singing Happy Birthday. The gift of a make-over at Glamour Shots previous to the dinner made the day a most memorable occasion.

Bruce and Susan Glines hosted a dinner on Feb. 16 in honor of her mother, Barbara Hathaway's 80th birthday. Attending were Dean and Sheila Bennett of Mt. Vernon, Elsie Bennett and Ruth Bean of South Paris and the honored guest, Sarah Stowell, who is attending Illinois State, made a surprise telephone call to her grandmother.

The Woodstock Extension met at Barbara Hathaway's on Wednesday with 13 members present. This was the international meeting and Sweden was the country to be observed this year. Everyone enjoyed a smorgasbord of Swedish dishes followed by a brief history of Sweden.

Joyce Birch of Simsbury, Conn., is the guest of Barbara Hathaway. Joseph and Maggie Hoyt visited again Wednesday and Thursday

with their dad, Jim, and grandparents, Ken and Alice Hoyt, and Bob and Gwenn were here for supper, also Marybeth Hoover.

Star Birthday Club met at Barbara Hathaway's Wednesday evening, with 12 members and two guests attending.

The Woodstock Historical Society studies our area's heritage and shares it with the public. Residents and visitors alike show an interest in it and in the exhibits in the society's museum. Curator Larry Billings still enjoys reading literature. English was his major in school with a minor in history. He has given a small oil painting of riders on horseback to the society. President Helvi Cary will present the program at the March 8 meeting.

Andover



by
Karen McKay

The annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, March 1, at 9 a.m. There are over 50 articles on the agenda to be discussed and voted on.

The Snow Valley Sno-Goers will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Anyone wishing to order bouquets of daffodils for the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days must place the order by March 1. They will be delivered the week of March 20. The daffodil is a symbol of hope for spring and a cure for cancer. Contact Colleen Jaros (392-2231) for more information.

The Andover Public Library invites all preschoolers to a Storyhour each Thursday afternoon beginning at 2:30. Kindergarten through third-grade students lead the group and read to the youngsters.

The SPARKS and evening AWANA groups at the Calvary

Congregational Church have decided to join and meet as one group on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. They will begin the classes on Feb. 28. The AWANA groups recently held their Grand Prix races. Winners in the speed category include: first, Emily Clifford; second, Erika Tripp; third, Renee Haney; fourth, AJ Clifford. Winners in the design category include: first, Jessica Freeman; second, Ben Bailey; third, AJ Clifford; fourth, Steven Chenery. The Sunday School students recently enjoyed a pancake breakfast at the church, thanks to those that helped create and serve the chocolate chip, blueberry and raspberry pancakes.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ismay Mechem who recently celebrated her 75th birthday at a surprise party held Feb. 15 at the All Season's Cafe. All of her five children were present and together for the first time in many years. Also present were her three sisters and her brother. A lovely buffet dinner and birthday cake were enjoyed. Among those present were: Mrs. Grace Simmons, Mrs. Edna Hilton, Mrs. Agnes Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberts, Barbara Warner, Mrs. Joanne Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard White, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hodgkins, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hutchins, Lee Hodgkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jamison and Lisa and Kevin, Robin Palmer and Noah, Paul Hutchins, Jessica Freeman and Drew, Shawn White, Marsha Hutchins, Bert Cyr, Joy Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Palmer and Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jodrey and Darren, Glenn Palmer, Nathan Palmer, Megan Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Falkenham, Christine Howard, Jenny Milton and Brittany. A good time was had by all.

Phyllis Spaulding enjoyed a sunny vacation in Florida where she visited with Leon Simmons in Zephyrhills.

Linda Percival recently returned from Crystal Beach, Fla., where she enjoyed a week's vacation visiting with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Akers.

Karen McKay and Carson enjoyed

an overnight visit with Christine and Mark Woodruff in Bar Mills last week.

Norma and Freeman Farrington and Bev and Billy Swan traveled to Caribou Lake where they enjoyed snowmobiling and ice fishing.

West Paris



by
Miriam Inman
Vince and Beverly Stevens returned from vacationing in Florida and visiting with

Sayward and Cynthia Lamb in Plant City.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Gary and Leslie Inman of Bethel on the arrival of their daughter, Calli Spring Inman.

South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing
Our family was saddened by the death of our brother, Leon "Buster" Poland, this past week.

Buster, as he was known by his many friends and relatives, was 79 years old. A short graveside service was held Tuesday in South Woodstock Cemetery. His daughter, Beverly Dayton, read the 23rd psalm and told how Buster loved his children and family. His granddaughter, Leilani Bertrum, read a poem written by Buster about his time in Iwo Jima. Before the ceremony they took Buster for a ride up to the Sanborn Turn (on the back road), a place he always liked to take a short ride, and then to the cemetery. Several of the family were in attendance. Buster liked everyone and everyone seemed to like him. He will be missed by all.

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his family and many friends who knew him. He was married to Lynda Claribel Swift Poland for 58 years, who survives.

One evening last week, the family of Diana (Poland) and her husband John Dunn had the pleasure of being

able to go to Bangor airport for a short visit with Diana and John. They were on their return from Saudi Arabia where they were stationed in the Air Force. Those traveling to Bangor for the visit were her parents, Todd and Lynda Poland, and Diana's brother Eric, her grandparents, Phelps and Joan Poland, Tim and Pat Poland and Terry and Phil Merrill. Diana is also the daughter of Rick and Terry

Angevine of Bethel. Diana and John have now returned to their home base in Clovis, New Mexico.

Nicolas, Elijah and Josiah Brazier visited with Marta and Nick Cle-

ments during school vacation. This was Josiah's first visit, his brothers have visited several times before. They all went to see the movie "Star Wars." The Brazier boys live in

Searsport.

Bruce and Cindy Clements, along with daughter Sarah, are coming to spend the rest of this week with parents Marta and Nick Clements. They live in Weare, N.H. Marta and Nick are always glad to see them, especially granddaughter Sarah.

Those making the honor roll from this area at Telstar High School are: Emily Phillips, Sandon Morgan, Jeffrey Chandler, Jeremy Curley. Those on the honor roll at Telstar Middle School are: Camden Elliott-

Williams, Kristina Koskela, Danny Morgan, Matthew Storch, Darcy Tyler, Jonathan Campbell, Ethan Elliott-Williams, James Knightly.

Receiving High Honors at Oxford Hills Middle School were: Linsey Record and Jamie Monzo.

Congratulations to all the students for the good school work.

On the varsity basketball team from this area at Telstar Middle School are Matt Moore and Paul Cox, and Josh Appleby is on the junior varsity team.

Jessie Hart has been spending this vacation with us. We are always glad to have her visit.

A special Happy Birthday to my niece, Tracy Grover, who turned 40 this week. Her picture was in the Bethel Citizen this past week.

Woodstock Historical Society curator, Larry Billings, reports that he has given a small oil painting of riders on horseback to the society. President Helvi Cary will present the program at the next meeting. Mary Billings has shared the pictures she took of the museum with several society members.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that it's not your job to get people to like you; it's your job to like people."

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson

Hi readers. I did it! I dug my snow machine out and had son check it all over and went for a spin last week with granddaughter Molly. It was a short ride but fun. She is a good guide and next time we'll go further. What a nice day it is today, but it's clouding up for predicted showers.

Brian Rogers and friend from Connecticut called on Frances Grant on Sunday.

Kathy and Edward Millett Jr. are pleased to announce the birth of a baby girl at the Berlin hospital. She has been named Desiree May. Her paternal grandparents are Edward and Delilah Millett of Stoneham and maternal grandparent is Mrs. Robin Adams of Albany. Congratulations, Kathy and Ed!

Albert Nelson Jr. was one of a group of 14 snowmobilers who went on their annual ride to the top of

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East Stoneham

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Shawnee Peak (Pleasant Mountain) on Monday (President's Day). This was an all-day excursion with a cookout at noon on the trail.

Carolyn Heino visited her Aunt Josephine McAllister, who is in Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway.

The Rabies Clinic at the Stoneham Fire Station on Feb. 15 went quite well with about 10 customers coming in. We had already had our cat and dog done at home by Terry Nichols, D.V.M. It is so much easier to have a vet come to the home, as "Asta" thinks she owns the world, but she likes Terry.

Eleanor Nelson visited Grace Nelson last Thursday at the Bridgton Health Care Center in Bridgton and found her to be getting along quite nicely. Her roommate there now is Hazel Allen (formerly of Stoneham).

Church services will be held in East Stoneham Church during the month of March at 10 to 11 a.m., also Sunday School. Hope to see you there.

Brenda and Phil Wiley from Massachusetts and friends have been spending some time at their cottage at Lake Keewaydin this past week.

This has been school vacation week and the kids sure have had some good weather to enjoy it in.

Congratulations to all the kids in town that got on the honor roll: Matthew Nelson, Joel Barker, Faith Barker and all the rest.

North Newry



by
Gil Seecley

Freda Robertson passed away last Sunday, Feb. 16.

"Death is the quiet haven of us all. So we fall

asleep in Jesus, we have played long enough at the games of life, and at last we feel the approach of death. We are tired out, and we lay our heads back on the bosom of Christ, and quietly fall asleep. Amen."

The Newry Community Church was the scene of a memorial service for Freda on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 19, with Pastor Rodney Hanscom officiating and daughter Nancy at the organ. A prayer, Scripture readings, hymn singing, a solo by Debbie Grant, "Thoughts" by John Grant, a song and guitar music by the Frasers, and a prayer by the pastor, "The giving of her Spirit," were included in the service. The church was full of friends and relatives, some had to stand.

After the ceremonies, the church committee welcomed everyone at the Town Building for refreshments furnished by the local people. Relative and friends came from as far as Florida, Indiana, some from Rumford, Bryant Pond, Brunswick, and other areas of Maine. We will miss you, Freda.

The Windy Valley Sno-Mobile Club had their oyster stew Saturday, the 15th. A great crowd of land-owners and snowmobilers showed up. The 50/50 raffle was won by John Gunther, Mary Tripp's nephew. The club will meet March 4 for their regular monthly get-together.

Happy Birthday to Chelsea Clinton on her 17th birthday -- "To someone refreshing and sweet." Send her a card?

Greenwood City



by
Colista Morgan

This is one of those winter evenings that surely makes up for the bitter winds of the day. The stars are so bright that I could touch them if I were standing on top of Overseer Mountain. And the moon is incredibly beautiful.

The next morning the sun was pretty, so I took a short walk on my driveway. As I passed the brook I heard the water running softly.

The hills sparkled with ice-coated trees, still holding on to earlier rain drops or snow. I stood and looked and I saw a speck of white cloud come down and mingle with another. Then the breeze brushed them into the blue.

The mountain again stood alone,

lovely whether in summer amidst the beauty of leaf and blossoms or in winter dipped in pearl as today, protecting the melancholy owl on a dark night. Its picture will stay as a jewel, on velvet, in my memory.

The harsh call of a crow came from across the ice and a chain saw added its grind to the stillness.

I looked at the icicles hanging from the eaves and noticed their length and beauty.

A squirrel bounded from the hemlocks, his face white and his beady eyes aware of me standing there.

My homey house was now inviting me to go inside. I did, leaving the steel-blue shadows which filled the hollows of the snow and the wind to tumble the trees.

The children are enjoying their vacation, happy with winter fun.

Rena Curtis and I went out for dinner and to do some shopping on Tuesday. It was a nice change.

Milton and Eleanor Inman and my nephew, Lewis Britton, have visited me this week.

I had dinner on Sunday with Leonas and Fay. None of the others could come. We were a small group compared to most Sundays.

Holly, the collie dog, passed away Feb. 18. She was a favorite with all the family and a friend to all.

My amaryllis has had 11 big blossoms and is so beautiful.

A drip is a drop. A drop is water. Water is Nature. Nature is beautiful.

Locke Mills



by
Lorraine Mills

This has been such a weird winter, but I suppose "this too shall pass" as the saying

goes. But the unpredictability of the weather makes for some difficulty when trying to plan travels or outdoor recreation. Marcia Smith, my daughter, came Monday for a visit, and it was "fun" trying to decide what day to come on and what day to leave on. Anyway, I picked her up Monday afternoon in Lewiston at the bus terminal. She said her trip was better this time as a friend of hers from the college happened to be going to Bangor, which made that boring leg of the journey (which consists of mostly miles and miles of scrub pine on either side of the Interstate) much more enjoyable.

While we were in Lewiston we visited Andy's aunt and uncle, Norma and Fritz Peterson, at their home on Russell Street. Norma is recovering nicely from her operation but has bursitis in her shoulder, which is not a pleasant thing to have. I know because I've had a couple bouts of it. The first time I did not go to the doctor and it lasted what seemed like forever. The second time I wasted no time in getting to the doctor and into therapy. In about three weeks my hand and arm were usable again. Norma has had hers over a month now.

After checking every weather report we could see on television and hear on the radio, Marcia decided to leave on Thursday because it seemed like the only day that the traveling would be good both upstate and "downstate" this week. She had a four-hour layover in Bangor, but much to her surprise there was her friend waiting to go back to Presque Isle, so the layover and trip up went by a lot faster, she said when she called to let me know she'd arrived safely. Also, Jon was there to pick up Marcia in Presque Isle and took the friend to her home thereby saving her taxi fare, so all in all it was an agreeable trip and visit, although short. She returns to college on Monday.

While Marcia was here we both visited her aunt, Carolyn Colby, in West Greenwood and her other aunt, Mary Mills, in North Norway. Mary is not having it very easy right now, as she is in a body cast and pretty much confined to her bed after breaking another bone. Her orthopedic doctor and her oncologist both have the same name, although not from the same hospital. I found out, after trying to figure out why a doctor had to discuss the case with herself. Anyhow, the two doctors are consulting and she may have to undergo surgery.

SEAMES ELECTED MASS. S.A.R. CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Stephen T. Seames of Greenwood has been elected president of the Col. William Henshaw Chapter, Massachusetts Society Sons of the American Revolution.

In assuming this position, Mr. Seames is the youngest man to ever hold the office. In addition he is the only Maine native to fill the Massachusetts position.

Seames has been a member of Sons of the American Revolution in Maine for a number of years and held numerous Maine State Society positions there. He is a descendant of Sgt. Eleazer Cole, 1747-1844, an early settler of Greenwood through his late grandmother, Mrs. Laura E. Cole Seames.

A graduate of Gould Academy and the University of Maine at Farmington, Seames is the Military Archivist to the U.S. Army Adjutant General of Massachusetts. In official position with the military, Seames is the director of the Military Archives and Military Museum at Worcester.

A reception was held on Feb. 21 at Worcester, and Mr. Seames was received by the Massachusetts State Society at the Harvard Club, Boston, at the annual meeting on Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday.

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School sports

Boys' Varsity Basketball

Gould 59, Hebron 52

Feb. 22--Though the MPA tournament is over for Gould, the Huskies completed their season with a non-league win over Hebron Academy at Hebron on Saturday. Tyler Wentworth scored a game-high 22 points for Gould with teammates Eugene Covington and Henry Fasholdt adding 17 and 12, respectively. The Huskies finished with a 10-10 record overall.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Hebron 50, Gould 29

Feb. 22--Michelle Dumont scored 13 points for the Huskies in Saturday's loss to the Lady Lumberjacks at Hebron.

Boys' Varsity Skiing

Feb. 19--The Telstar boys' ski team (cross-country and alpine combined) took fifth place overall in the Class A State Championships at Telstar and Sunday River. Mountain Valley won the 11-team competition. The Rebel boys improved over last year's performance, when they finished seventh overall. Breakdown of events:

Cross-country

5-kilometer freestyle: Team placed 10th of 12. Individual finishers in the 74-skier race: Jayson Hebert (31st); Jerry Bernier (43rd); Colin Reuter (53rd); Forest Fyrborg (55th); Chris Marcum (60th); Kris Orrok (63rd).

5-k classical: Team placed eighth of 12. Individual finishers in the 73-skier race: Jayson Hebert (16th); Jerry Bernier (28th); Forest Fyrborg (46th); Kris Orrok (53rd); Colin Reuter (54th); Chris Marcum (64th).

Alpine

Slalom: Team placed third of 13. Individual finishers in the 83-skier race: Chris Vaughan (3rd); Matt Hiebert (8th); Matt Koskela (26th); Grayson Wakefield (33rd); Tim Adams (38th); Jay Horne (65th). Giant slalom: Team placed third of 13. Individual finishers in the 71-skier race: Matt Hiebert (3rd); Chris Vaughan (6th); Jay Horne (17th); Tim Adams (31st); Matt Koskela (39th).

Girls' Varsity Skiing

Feb. 19--The Telstar girls' ski team (cross-country and alpine combined) took third place overall in the Class A State Championships at Telstar and Sunday River. Mt. Blue won the 12-team competition. The Rebel girls improved on last year's performance, when they finished ninth overall. Breakdown of events:

Cross-country

5-k freestyle: Team placed eighth of 13. Individual finishers in the 67-skier race: Liza Fyrborg (15th); Jessie Wight (29th); Erica Gundersen (44th); Michelle McInnis (47th); Jen Fyrborg (48th).

5-k classical: Team placed fourth of 13. Individual finishers in the 66-skier race: Liza Fyrborg (9th); Michelle McInnis (25th); Jessie Wight (33rd); Jen Fyrborg (36th).

Alpine

Slalom: Team placed second of 12. Individual finishers in 73-skier race: Malinda Gilbert (6th); Becky LaVallee (13th); Toni Vacca (20th); Gail Aloisio (29th); Vicky Coolidge (30th); Dani Littlehale (36th).

Giant slalom: Team placed second of 12, to post best combined slalom/giant slalom scores of all teams competing. Individual finishers in the 67-skier race: Malinda Gilbert (5th); Toni Vacca (8th); Becky LaVallee (9th); Vicky Coolidge (17th); Gail Aloisio (59th).

Of the cross-country teams' season, coach Bob Remington said the teams were hampered by lack of snow, resulting in a late start to the season. "Considering how the winter went, we ended up on a positive note," he said. Remington said he was particularly pleased with the girls' fourth-place finish in the classical race, and Jayson Hebert's 16th-place finish in the boys' classical race.

Alpine coach Beth LaVallee said of her boys' and girls' teams, "For a team that seemed to have so little respect at the beginning of the season, they did well. They're both young teams, and they skied with composure against juniors and seniors. The girls did win the combined slalom and giant slalom, although it was nothing official."

Nordic Ski Jumping

Gould 13, VA 15, Proctor 17, Holderness 39

Feb. 20--Two weeks ago the Gould fliers won the Lakes Region Championships in Bethel, last week they repeated their impressive performance at Proctor Academy by winning the New England Prep School Jumping Championships with 13 points. Gould edged out Vermont Academy, Proctor Academy, and Holderness School--the only teams still competing in prep school jumping. B.J. Otten led the Huskies with a second place jump, followed by Ian Paquette in 5th, E.J. Cheney in 6th, Chris Bassett in 10th, and Shelley MacQuinn in 17th. The jumpers lifted Gould Academy's men's ski team (alpine, cross country, and jumping) to a second place finish overall in the Prep School Ski Championships.

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FOOT NOTES

Don't Consider Pain, Discomfort To Be Normal

(NU) - The most common foot problem experienced by Americans is pain or discomfort, followed by corns and calluses. That's the finding of "Attitudes Toward Foot Care," a survey conducted for the American Podiatric Medical Association.

Three-quarters of the 1,000 people surveyed said they experienced problems with their feet in the 12 months prior to the study. Of that group, 49 percent said they experienced pain/discomfort, while 21 percent said they were bothered by corns/calluses.

General foot pain can be attributed to types of activity, ill-fitting footwear or be an indicator of a more serious health problem. For that reason, the APMA says foot pain should never be considered "normal." A podiatrist can help pinpoint the cause of pain.

The APMA explains that corn and calluses are protective layers of compacted, dead skin cells caused by repeated friction and pressure from skin rubbing against bony areas or an irregularity in a shoe. Corns usually form on the toes and calluses on the soles of the feet.

The pain from friction and pressure can be relieved by putting moleskin — a type of protective padding — on the affected areas. Never cut corns or calluses with any instrument and never apply home remedies, except under a podiatrist's instructions.

For more information on foot health and care, call the APMA at 1-800-FOOTCARE.

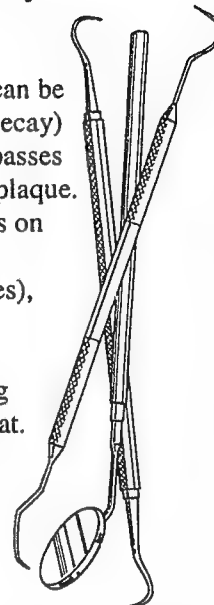
A Guide to Dental Health

Submitted by Bethel Family Dentistry

Can some foods harm my teeth?

The foods you choose and your eating schedule can be important factors in how much dental caries (tooth decay) you have. The reason is simple: everything you eat passes through your mouth where it is available for use by plaque.

Dental plaque is a thin film of bacteria that forms on everyone's teeth between brushings. When you eat foods that contain carbohydrates (sugars and starches), the bacteria in plaque start to produce acids that attack tooth enamel. The plaque holds these acids on your teeth where they can keep on attacking the enamel for 20 minutes or more every time you eat. Sooner or later the tooth enamel may break down and you will have the beginning of a cavity.



Do I have to give up eating sugar and starches to avoid cavities?

It would be hard to avoid sugar entirely. Tooth decay is promoted by several different kinds of sugar. Sucrose, the most familiar one, is usually seen in the form of white or brown refined sugar, but it is naturally present in foods, too. Bananas, beets, melons, peaches, and sweet potatoes, for instance, all contain sucrose. Also, glucose, fructose (fruit sugar), lactose (milk sugar) and maltose (grain sugar) can promote tooth decay. Many foods such as apples, grapes, pears, raisins, and milk contain one or more of these sugars.

Many processed foods also contain one or more types of sugar. The list includes catsup's, coffee whitener, lunchmeat, peanut butter and salad dressing. Sugars are added to processed foods to help preserve them, as well as for flavor.

Honey, molasses, & corn syrup all contain sugars that contribute to tooth decay. Moreover, because these products stick to the teeth, they may be even more harmful to tooth enamel than refined sugars.

Starch containing foods also may contribute to tooth decay, but they are needed for good nutrition too. The nutrients and calories in milk, fruit, cereals, breads and vegetables are important for health. Excessive intake of foods that contain sugars and starches should be avoided, however, and the use of these foods should be confined to regular mealtimes for optimal dental health.

It would be hard to eliminate all sugar-containing foods from your diet, but frequent brushing & dental care will help to stop dental decay.

So there's more to it than eating a balanced diet?

A balanced diet is a very important factor in dental health, but there are other nutritional considerations too. For instance, you have to be concerned about how often you eat foods containing carbohydrates because the bacteria in plaque convert these foods to acids every time you eat.

Also, some of the foods you may choose have qualities that put them in a separate class. Raisins, dates, dried fruits, caramels, and toffee for example, stick to the teeth. As long as these foods remain in your mouth, the bacteria in plaque can go on producing enamel-destroying acids. Hard candy, cough drops, and breath mints may not be sticky but they usually remain in the mouth for a time, so they promote continued acid production too.

Researchers say that, if foods containing carbohydrates are eaten as part of a meal, they are less harmful to the teeth than if they are eaten alone. And the good news is that some foods such as cheese, peanuts, or sugarfree chewing gums are thought to counter the effects of the acids if they are eaten along with, or after, foods that contain carbohydrates.

If I eat a balanced diet and cultivate sensible eating habits, can I count on good oral health?

Other factors are just as important as what you eat and when you eat it. One is the physical care you give your teeth. Brushing and flossing at least once a day (more often if your dentist recommends it) are vital means of removing plaque. Your teeth need fluoride, too, and if the area where you live does not have natural or adjusted fluoride in the drinking water, your physician can recommend a fluoride supplement. Also, you should use a fluoride toothpaste. Those that carry the seal of the American Dental Association Council on Dental Therapeutics have been shown effective in preventing decay. Look for the seal on the carton or tube.

Finally, you should visit your dentist regularly so that your teeth can be cleaned professionally and so that any dental problems you may have can be treated early.

Travel Medicine

by Keith M. Shute, MD, Family Practitioner Mountain Health Services, Berlin, NH

As the snow falls in our community, many residents are preparing for vacations. Some "snowbirds" may be headed to Florida or Arizona. Meanwhile, others are considered more exotic travel to other countries. This article will provide an overview of medical considerations for travelers.

Travel to any foreign country requires planning. In addition to gathering a passport and other papers potentially required for entry to another country, you should consult with your doctor. Every country has different diseases. Depending on your plans for such a visit, your physician may have different recommendations. For example, your risk of water-borne illness would be much higher if you plan to hike and camp than if you plan to stay in quality hotels.

Travel to many countries will require immunizations, plans for treatment of traveler's diarrhea, and even medication to prevent malaria or other serious illnesses. Give your doctor time to research the area to which you will travel. He or she can then make the best recommendations for your health. Often a series of immunizations can take 1-3 months, so plan ahead.

For up-to-date or last-minute information, contact the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta: 404-332-4559 (automated system with prompts) or 404-332-4565 (to fax your questions).

Immunizations

All adults and children should be up-to-date with their tetanus vaccine. A booster is recommended every ten years.

Measles vaccine booster is recommended for anyone born after 1956 who has had only one dose. Although children are now routinely receiving a booster dose around age 5 or 12, many adults have had only one dose of measles vaccine (or MMR). The single dose may be adequate for U.S. residents who stay home, but a booster is recommended for those who travel outside of the country.

For travel to areas where hygiene is poor, hepatitis A vaccine is recommended. Such areas include Mexico and the Caribbean. It is particularly important for those people who will be traveling outside the usual tourist routes. Hepatitis A can be transmitted through contaminated food and water. The hepatitis A vaccine is administered in two doses 6-12 months apart. If you don't have that much time, an injection of immune globulin can be used instead. However, the protective effect of immune globulin against hepatitis A--and some other infections--declines in a few months.

Hepatitis B vaccine is generally not needed for travelers. Hepatitis B is spread by sexual contact, sharing of needles, or exposure to blood or body fluids. Of course, hepatitis B vaccine would be appropriate for any medical or dental personnel traveling to third world countries to deliver health care. The three-dose series of hepatitis B vaccine requires 6 months to administer.

Booster of polio vaccine may be appropriate for adults traveling to tropical or developing countries outside of the Western hemisphere. If you are uncertain if you've ever had that initial polio series, discuss the situation with your physician.

Depending on your travel plans, you may require immunizations against one or more of the following diseases as well: typhoid fever, yellow fever, meningococcal meningitis, Japanese encephalitis, or rabies.

Traveler's Diarrhea

Traveler's diarrhea is common in areas where hygiene is poor. In such countries, avoid non-bottled water, ice, raw vegetables and salads, and fruit (unless you have washed and peeled it yourself) Travelers' diarrhea usually lasts a few to several days and resolves by itself most of the time. But it can make you trip miserable if you get it.

Travelers' diarrhea is usually caused by a specific type of E. coli bacteria. If you develop a mild case, use of an over-the-counter medication like loperamide (Immodium) can be very helpful (pack in your luggage). For a moderate or severe case (sometimes with fever or bloody stool), your doctor may give you some prescription antibiotics to bring with you (such as ciprofloxacin or Cipro) to take for two or three days. Some physicians may recommend prophylactic treatment -- to prevent travelers' diarrhea -- with bismuth subsalicylate (Pepto-Bismol), usually two tablets four times a day.

Malaria

Malaria is a potentially fatal illness spread by mosquitoes, primarily in Africa, South America, and Asia. Chloroquine (one pill once a week) is the recommended medication to prevent malaria. However, in many areas, the infection is resistant to this medication, requiring use of other medications. Check with your doctor if you believe you will be traveling to an area where malaria is common. Further, if you develop an illness with a fever up to one year after travel to such an area, you should be examined by your doctor to ensure you do not have malaria.

Finally, remember to use your primary care physician to help you manage all of your health needs. He or she knows you best and can provide individualized recommendations.



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108 Main Street, Norway
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Androscoggin Valley Hospital
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Berlin, NH 03570, (603) 752-2200

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Submitted by:
Dr. John R. Mason, D.D.S.

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Josh Oliver
Josh Eichel
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Amanda Blood
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Heather Gibbs
Shanna Westleigh
Eric Westleigh
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Braden Douglass
Nicholas Kingsbury
Shelby Swan
Mike Wiggin
Megan Kelly
Sheryl Westleigh
Nola Wentworth
Abbie Wentworth
Brianna McCluskey
Andrew Bean
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Quick Response Vital In Combatting Flu

(NU) - While many people dismiss influenza as a minor illness, between 25 and 50 million Americans contract the disease each year, and approximately 20,000 die from its complications.

Antiviral medications, such as Flumadine (rimantadine HCl), are effective for treating influenza A, the type historically responsible for most severe influenza epidemics.

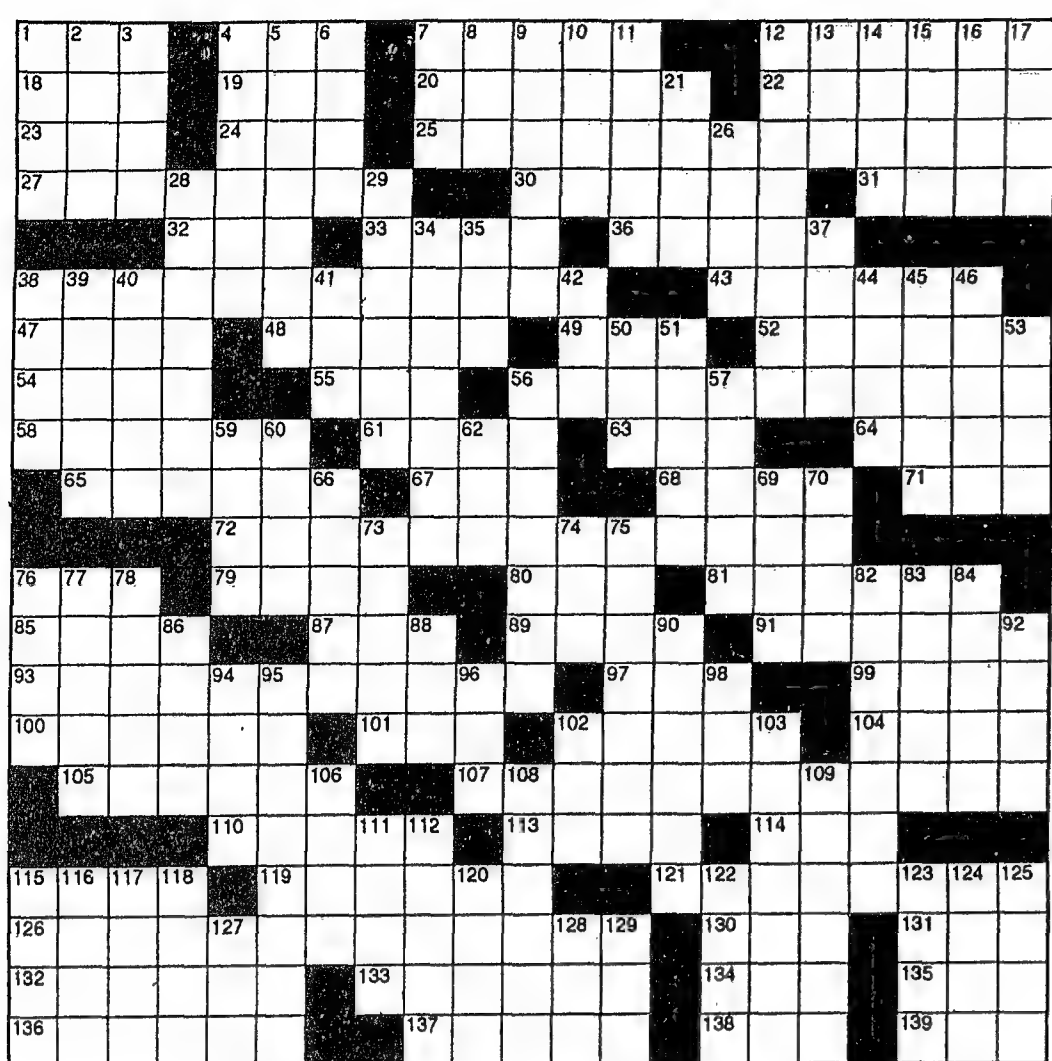
"People need to see their doctor as soon as flu symptoms appear -- preferably within 48 hours -- for proper treatment," said Steven R. Mostow, M.D., chairman of the department of medicine at Rose Medical Center in Denver. "When taken within the first 48 hours of flu onset, antiviral medications are highly effective."

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Community Calendar

Activities

Free Skiing on Storm Days for SAD44 community at Sunday River Skiway. Ask at Sunday River's Guest Service desk for pass.

Thru February (as long as the snow cover lasts) on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Norlands Living History Center, Livermore, will offer Jingle Bell rides. Ride through woods and fields, bells a-jingle, in a big horse-drawn sled. Enjoy popcorn and hot chocolate afterward in the Farmer's Cottage. Adults, \$5; children, \$3. For information call 897-4366.

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7 to 9 p.m.—Jan Salis, physical therapist, athletic trainer and director of physical rehabilitation at Stephens Memorial Hospital will speak on "Athletic Health" at Bethel Area Massage Therapists, 2 Broad Street, Bethel. Free, donation will go toward future lectures. For information call 824-3889.

Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. will perform at the Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, at 7 p.m., sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council and Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: under 12 advance \$6, door \$8; adults advance \$8, door \$10. For information call 824-3575.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.—Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Awards Program at South Paris Fire Hall. For more information, contact the OCSWCD, 1 Main Street, South Paris, ME 04281 or call 743-7019.

Friday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.—Hymn Sing at Pinhook Meeting House. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, March 1, 7 p.m.—Mahoosuc Arts Council presents Cupid and Psyche Theater, part of Figures of Speech Theatre, at Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Advance tickets: adults \$8, under 12 \$6 by calling 824-3575. At door \$10 and \$8.

Monday, March 3, 10 a.m.—Mountain View Knitters, TKGA, Day Group meeting at Saint Elizabeth Seton Church, Fryeburg. Guest speaker will be an occupational therapist, FMI, call Grace at 693-6782. Visitors welcome. No meeting if bad weather.

Wednesday, March 5, 7 p.m.—Mahoosuc Arts Council presents Michael Windfield and Congo Square African Drumming and Dance at Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Advance tickets: adults \$8, under 12 \$6 (824-3575). At door: \$10 and \$8.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers meeting 7 p.m. at the Andover Fire Station.

Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.—Oral History Night at the Dr. Moses Mason House meeting room. Veterans of Korean War will share memories. Everyone welcome.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting at Town Annex, Bryant Pond. Potluck dinner, please bring hot dish, salad or dessert and your own place setting. Linda Haegle from Community Concepts will be speaker.

Monday, March 10—The Bethel Area Mountain Madness Alpine Derby, the 5th annual

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce ski event, will take place at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m.—Mahoosuc Arts Council presents the Magic of Lyn Magic Show at Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. For tickets call 824-3575.

Wednesday, March 12, 11 a.m.—Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting at American Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke Mills. Dinner will be chicken pie (\$6).

In-Home Business Opportunity. Bureau of Elder and Adult Services informational meeting at Stephens Memorial Hospital Boardroom 7 to 8:30 p.m. for anyone interested in starting business caring for others in home through Adult Family Care Home Program. Homes serve from one to five elderly people.

Wednesday, March 19, 7 p.m.—Friends of Telstar Middle School meeting.

Thursday, April 3—Telstar Middle School Grade 7 Native American/Maine Heritage Day.

Saturday, April 5, 1 p.m.—Bethel DARE program will host celebrity basketball game at Telstar High School. Free door prizes and free raffles for Patriots t-shirts and hat. For tickets (\$10) call 824-4473.

Sunday, April 6—Ski Free Day for SAD44 community at Sunday River Skiway. Anyone in the district can go to Sunday River's Guest Service Department and get the day's skiing free.

Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Rumford Community Hospital Auxiliary Spring Bazaar at the Eagles Club with one area devoted to local crafters. An 8-foot space is \$15. Pre-registration necessary (364-4621).

April 13-18—Telstar Middle School Grade 6 African Studies Day.

Wednesday, April 15, Friends of Telstar Middle School meeting.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Public Library: First and third Thursday of each month, 6:30-8 p.m.

Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene—Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service.

Our Lady of the Snows—Rev. Lawrence Conley, Mass—Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

United Methodist—Rev. Henry S. Nickerson, Pastor, 4:30 p.m. Saturday worship service; 10 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided.

West Bethel Union—Pastor Joyce Scott, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship.

Episcopal House Church—at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., fourth Sunday of each month, 824-2913.

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Linwood Hanson, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Andover

First Congregational Church—



Reach

Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline 1-800-622-2365. Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange—Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Community Service Center—Supplies available for emergencies and disaster relief at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For aid or information call 674-2663.

Safe Hangouts

After school safe hangout in the multi-purpose room of the United Methodist Church in Bethel from

Pastor Jane Rich, 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. beginning Oct. 21.

Calvary Congregational Church—Winter hours: worship service 10:45 a.m., fellowship brunch following. Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wed. nights, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Rev. Duane Waite.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational—Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church—Rodney H. Hanscom.

Albany

Congregational Church—Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday summer worship, June 2 through September 29. Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10:15 a.m. worship followed by coffee fellowship. Summer service 9 a.m.

West Paris Baptist—Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist—Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Monthly Meetings

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: Newry Community Ladies' Circle, 12:30 p.m. V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460.

Second and fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m. Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church.

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Area Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAM-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Gilead selectmen meet at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Second Wednesday: Single parent support group meets at the West Parish Congregational Church, 7-9 p.m.

CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Telstar H.S. cafeteria.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Upton Board of Selectmen meets, 6 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge No 97, AF & AM.

Bethel Lodge #97 meets.

The Bethel VFW Memorial Post 11363 meets at the Lions Hall on Main Street at 7 p.m.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m., Bethel Bagel and Deli. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Bethel Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing to allow for questions and comments on the proposed Portland Natural Gas Pipeline. The meeting will be held at the Crescent Park School Cafeteria on Wednesday, March 5, 1997 at 7:00 P.M.

Greenwood Dock Appeal

The Greenwood Appeals Board will meet Friday, March 14 to consider an appeal from Dr. L. Shaw regarding the town code enforcement officer's decision on proposed dockage at property on Little Island. The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. in the Town Office.

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Interested applicants should submit a letter of application and resume to M.S.A.D. #44 Superintendent's Office.

DEADLINE for applications is March 4, 1997

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GAZEBO FOR MOORE PARK
TOWN OF PARIS

The Town of Paris will be accepting bids for building a GAZEBO in Moore Park, Paris, Maine. There will be a pre-bid conference in the meeting room adjacent to the Paris Town Office, Wed. February 26, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. Plans and Specifications will be available for a \$25.00 refundable deposit. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked "Moore Park Gazebo," to the Town of Paris, 1 Main Street, South Paris, Maine 04281. Bids shall be received until 4:00 P.M. March 14, 1997 at which time they will be opened and available for inspection. The Town of Paris Reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

James R. Kane
Town Manager

SALE OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

The Town of Paris is selling by "Sealed Bid" eleven parcels of TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY. Information concerning the size, location and assessed value of properties is available at the Town Office. There is no minimum bid. Selection have the right to reject or accept any or all bids. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 PM March 7, 1997. Bids must be accompanied by a check equal to 10% of offer. If accepted, payment in full is required within 30 days. Bids will be clearly marked "TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY BID". For more information call the Town Manager at 743-2501.

James R. Kane, Town Manager

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1991 Toyota Pickup 4 cyl, 5 spd, 86k miles..... \$4,495
1991 Chevy S-10 Pick-up am/fm radio, 66k miles..... \$4,995
1990 Plymouth Grand Voyager SE V6, auto, air, am/fm radio, 79k miles..... \$6,795
1990 Ford F-150 6 cyl, standard am/fm radio, 76k miles..... \$6,195
1989 Ford T-Bird, 1 owner, loaded, \$3,995
1988 Buick Electra station wagon, loaded, third seat, 77k miles..... \$2,995
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1993 Ford F150 w/Plow 4x4 6 cyl, 5 spd, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, bedliner, dual fuel tanks, Fisher Plow, gray. \$308.94 mo Sale price \$12,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 54 months.	1993 Nissan Ext Cab 4x4 P/U 4 cyl, 5 spd, am/fm, chrome wheels, cloth int, bedliner, Just like new! Red. \$269.44 mo Sale price \$12,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 54 months.	1993 GMC Sonoma Ext Cab 4x4 P/U 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, two-tone, bedliner, Clean Truck! White. \$280.77 mo Sale price \$12,500. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 54 months.	1993 Chevy S10 Blazer LT 4x4 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, leather int, two-tone, only 56k miles, green/tan. \$339.40 mo Sale price \$14,900. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 54 months.	1992 GMC 1500 4x4 6 cyl, auto, am/fm, cloth int, anti-lock brakes, cloth int, blue. \$256.28 mo Sale price \$10,500. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.
1992 Chevy 1500 P/U 6 cyl, 5 spd, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, Silverado, blue/silver. \$251.67 mo Sale price \$10,250. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.	1992 Dodge Dakota LE PU 6 cyl, auto, a/c, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, cloth int, 2-tone, bedliner, rear sliding window, XLT, maroon. \$193.73 mo Sale price \$8,125. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.	1992 Ford Ranger Ext Cab 4x4 P/U 6 cyl, 5 spd, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, bedliner, rear sliding window, XLT, maroon. \$237.33 mo Sale price \$8,875. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.	1992 Isuzu Rodeo 4x4 4dr, 6cyl, 5spd, am/fm, sun roof anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, Black. \$260.60 mo Sale price \$10,500. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.	1992 Geo Tracker Conv. 4x4 4 cyl, auto, am/fm, cloth int, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, only 52k miles, blue. \$201.63 mo Sale price \$8,425. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.
1992 Ford F150 4x4 P/U 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, bedliner, rear sliding window, XLT, red/gray. \$291.17 mo Sale price \$11,925. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.	1992 Ford Explorer 4x4 4dr, 6cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, two-tone, Nice and Clean! Silver/white. \$369.54 mo Sale price \$14,800. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.	1991 Ford Ranger Ext. 4x4 6 cyl, auto, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, bronze. \$245.87 mo Sale price \$9,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.	1991 Ford F150 w/Plow 4x4 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, XLT, Fisher Plow, silver/black. \$272.46 mo Sale price \$10,975. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12.5% APR for 48 months.	1991 Ford Explorer 4x4 w/plow 4dr, 6cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, XLT, new min. mount Fisher plow, blue. \$324.66 mo Sale price \$12,900. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12.5% APR for 48 months.
1990 Ford Ranger Ext-Cab 4x4 6 cyl, 5spd, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, bedliner, am/fm, blue. \$221.53 mo Sale price \$9,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 13.5% APR for 48 months.	1990 Ford F150 Ext-Cab P/U 6 cyl, auto, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, 6 pass, two-tone, bedliner, dual fuel tanks. Only 56k miles, maroon/white. \$229.66 mo Sale price \$9,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 13.5% APR for 48 months.	1988 Jeep Wrangler Laredo 4x4 6 cyl, auto, a/c, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, 87k mi, Fun, Fun, Fun, Maroon. \$263.48 mo Sale price \$8,450. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 14.25% APR for 36 months.	1988 Ford F150 w/plow 4x4 P/U 6 cyl, 5spd, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, bedliner, dual fuel tanks, Fisher plow, brown. \$243.76 mo Sale price \$10,975. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 14.25% APR for 36 months.	1988 Ford F150 Ext Cab P/U 6 cyl, 5spd, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, two-tone, bedliner. 85 k miles, blue/white. \$246.33 mo Sale price \$9,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 14.25% APR for 36 months.

Cars & Vans

1996 Chevy Corsica 4dr, 4cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, gray. \$218.85 mo Sale price \$10,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 10.5% APR for 60 months.	1996 Geo Metro 4dr, 4cyl, 5spd, driver's air bag, cloth int., only 6k miles, maroon. \$175.66 mo Sale price \$8,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 10.5% APR for 60 months.	1995 Buick Skylark 4dr, 6cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, black. Only 19k miles. \$219.20 mo Sale price \$10,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11% APR for 60 months.	1995 Chevy Beretta 2 dr, 4 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, black. Only 19k miles. \$199.49 mo Sale price \$9,975. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11% APR for 60 months.
1995 Dodge Neon 4dr, 4cyl, 5spd, am/fm, dual air bags, styled wheels, cloth int, only 28k miles, blue. \$167.02 mo Sale price \$8,450. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11% APR for 60 months.	1995 Eagle Summit 2dr, 4cyl, 5spd, cloth int, green. \$145.28 mo Sale price \$7,450. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11% APR for 60 months.	1995 Ford Contour 4dr, 4cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, cloth int. Only 31k miles, teal. \$214.85 mo Sale price \$10,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11% APR for 60 months.	1995 Hyundai Accent 4 dr, 4 cyl, 5 spd, am/fm, dual air bags, cloth int. Only 7,000 miles. Dusty rose. \$161.04 mo Sale price \$8,175. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11% APR for 60 months.
1995 Ford Escort 2 dr, 4 cyl, 5 spd, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, anti-lock rear brakes, cloth int. Just like new! Only 15k miles. Green. \$171.37 mo Sale price \$8,550. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11% APR for 60 months.	1995 Ford Aspire 4dr, 4cyl, a/c, am/fm, dual air bags, cloth int, red. \$146.24 mo Sale price \$8,975. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11% APR for 60 months.	DEAL OF THE WEEK! 1993 Ford Escort Wgn 4 cyl, 5spd., a/c, p/w, am/fm, dual air bags, cloth int., only 55k miles, roof rack, red. \$131.19 mo Sale price \$6,250. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 54 months.	
1994 Toyota Corolla DX 4dr, 4cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, only 40k miles, blue. \$223.92 mo Sale price \$10,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.5% APR for 60 months.	1994 Dodge Spirit 4dr, 6cyl, auto, a/c, ill, cruise, am/fm, driver's air bag, cloth int, only 43k miles, red. \$175.54 mo Sale price \$8,925. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.5% APR for 60 months.	1993 Olds Cutlass Supreme 2dr, 6cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, 5L pkg, sharp car, red. \$237.39 mo Sale price \$9,925. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 60 months.	1993 Mercury Sable Wgn 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, 8 pass, green. \$187.59 mo Sale price \$7,925. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 60 months.
1993 Honda Accord EX 4dr, 4cyl, 5spd, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, anti-lock rear brakes, chrome wheels, cloth int, only 58k miles, maroon. \$280.77 mo Sale price \$12,500. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 60 months.	1993 Chevy Lumina Euro 2 dr, 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, black. \$225.72 mo Sale price \$10,200. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 60 months.	1993 Mazda Protege 4dr, 4cyl, auto, cloth int. Only 61k miles, am/vivid, green. \$147.94 mo Sale price \$8,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 60 months.	1992 Geo Storm 4 cyl, auto, a/c, am/fm, driver's air bag, cloth int, 44k miles, green. \$145.02 mo Sale price \$8,275. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.
1992 Mercury Cougar LS 2dr, 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, white. \$189.12 mo Sale price \$12,450. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 60 months.	1992 Ford Extended Aerostar 4x4 Van 6 cyl, auto, a/c, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, 7 pass, deep tinted glass, XL pkg, Green. \$233.89 mo Sale price \$9,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.	1992 Olds Achieva 4dr, 4cyl, auto, a/c, p/l, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, silver. \$162.76 mo Sale price \$8,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.	1991 Buick Regal 4 dr, 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, deep tinted glass, maroon. \$158.64 mo Sale price \$8,200. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12.5% APR for 48 months.
1991 GMC Safari Extended 4x4 Van 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, 7 pass, two-tone, deep tinted glass, Only 68k miles, SLT pkg, Blue/white. \$273.32 mo Sale price \$10,975. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12.5% APR for 48 months.	1991 Toyota Corolla 4x4 Wgn 4 cyl, 5 spd, a/c, am/fm, dual air bags, cloth int, DX pkg, white. \$183.68 mo Sale price \$8,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12.5% APR for 48 months.	1990 Ford Aerostar Extended 4x4 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, 7 pass, 2-tone, deep tinted glass, 17" air, black/tan. \$194.46 mo Sale price \$7,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 13.5% APR for 48 months.	1990 Lincoln Town Car 4dr, 8 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, silver. \$203.50 mo Sale price \$7,500. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 13.5% APR for 48 months.
1994 Mercury Tracer LTS 4 dr, 4 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int. Only 27k miles, sporty looking, red. \$188.74 mo Sale price \$9,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.5% APR for 60 months.	1994 Dodge Grand Caravan Sport Van 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, 7 pass, deep tinted glass, A Beauty! Maroon. \$266.81 mo Sale price \$12,900. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.5% APR for 60 months.	1994 Mazda Protege DX 4dr, 4cyl, auto, a/c, cloth int, am/vivid, black. \$196.97 mo Sale price \$7,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.5% APR for 60 months.	1994 Ford Taurus GL 4dr, 6cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, white. \$207.29 mo Sale price \$9,475. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.5% APR for 60 months.
1993 Chevy Lumina Euro 4dr, 6cyl, auto, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, 44k mi, white. \$231.71 mo Sale price \$10,400. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 60 months.	1992 Buick Regal Limited 4 dr, 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, deep tinted glass, red. \$203.61 mo Sale price \$8,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 48 months.	1991 Buick Roadmaster Wgn 8 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, 7 pass, deep tinted glass, 8 pass, Nickel White. \$271.88 mo Sale price \$10,925. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12.5% APR for 48 months.	1991 Dodge Caravan 6 cyl, auto, cloth int, 7 pass, power/mirror, gray. \$219.09 mo Sale price \$8,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12.5% APR for 48 months.
1993 Subaru Legacy 4dr, 4cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, Only 42k miles, white. \$219.74 mo Sale price \$9,950. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 11.75% APR for 60 months.	1992 Dodge Dynasty 4dr, 6 cyl, auto, a/c, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, Brougham edition, Gold. \$175.88 mo Sale price \$7,450. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 12% APR for 60 months.	1989 Mercury Grand Marquis 4 dr, 8 cyl, auto, a/c, p/w, p/l, ill, cruise, am/fm, dual air bags, chrome wheels, cloth int, Nice car, White. \$144.43 mo Sale price \$7,475. Price: \$800 down cash or trade at 13.5% APR for 48 months.	

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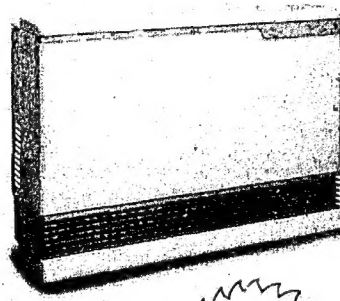
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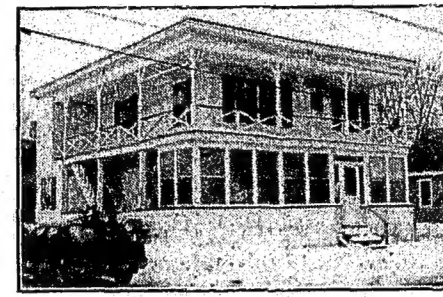
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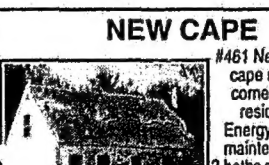
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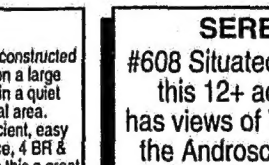
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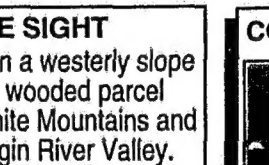
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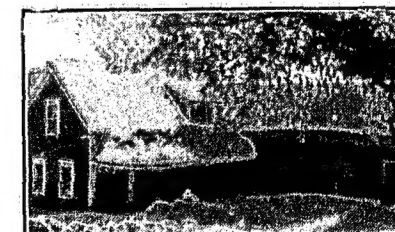
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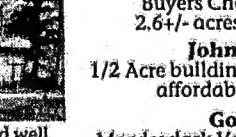
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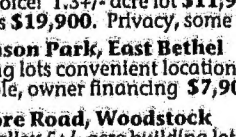
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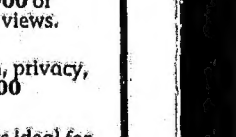
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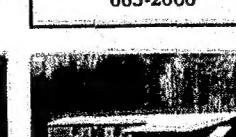
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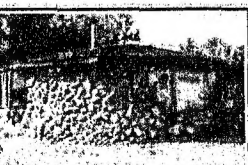
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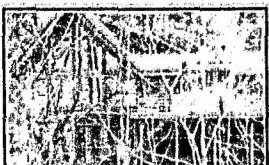
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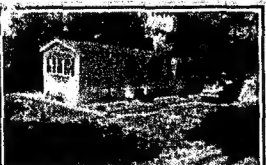
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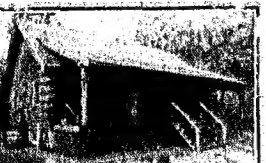
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Obituaries

FRANCES G. BENNETT

Frances G. Bennett, 94, of West Bethel, died Friday, Feb. 21, 1997, at Ledgeview Nursing Home after a short stay.

Mrs. Bennett was born in Stoneham on Nov. 29, 1902, daughter of John and Jennie (Brown) McAllister. She graduated from Norway High School and attended Gorham State Teachers College and Farmington State Teachers College. She taught at the one-room schoolhouses in Lovell and Gilead. She later taught at the Newry school from which she retired.

She married Henry Bennett in 1920. They made their home in Bethel and she lived in West Bethel for the past 15 years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Mundt-Allen Post in Bethel, the "Barracks," a World War I organization, the Newry Mothers Club, Maine Educational Association, the National Educational Association, and the Bethel Congregational Church Women's Group.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruth Bennett Curtis of Skowhegan and Isabelle of Lexington, Mass.; five grandchildren, Linda Westleigh of West Bethel, Donna Gray of North Vassalboro, Nadine Hughes of Auburn, Henry Curtis of Norridgewock, and Arthur Curtis of Skowhegan; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband; a daughter, Alice; and a brother, Winfield McAllister.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 23, at the West Bethel Union Church. Interment will be in the Riverside Cemetery, Bethel, in the spring. Those who wish may make contributions in Mrs. Bennett's memory to the Bethel Ambulance Service, c/o Arlene Greenleaf, 183 Main Street, Bethel, ME 04217, or to Androskoggin Home Health Services, Pottle Road, Oxford, ME 04270.

WILFRED G. CONARY JR.

Wilfred G. Conary Jr., 82, of Gilead and formerly of East Stoneham, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1997, at the Ledgeview Nursing Home, West Paris.

Born at Millinocket on Feb. 12, 1915, the son of Wilfred G. Sr. and Hazel Butters Conary, he was a 1932 graduate of Norway High School.

Mr. Conary had worked for many years in investment securities. He started in the securities industry with Fenner and Beane at New York City, later to become Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane, and now Merrill, Lynch. He was manager of securities trading for G.H. Walker & Co. (family of George Herbert Walker) from 1951 to 1969. In later years he was associated with Shearson Lehman Brothers, until his retirement in 1988. Mr. Conary was a charter member and past president of the Bethel Rotary Club and a life member of the Bethel Historical Society. He served as president of the Boston Securities and Traders Association in 1959. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy for service during World War II. Mr. Conary was predeceased by his first wife, Arlene. He married Eleanor Harding on March 30, 1974.

Survivors include his wife of Norway; one son, David; six stepchildren; two grandsons; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 21, at the Raymond/Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, Norway. Interment will be in the Norway Pine Grove Cemetery in the spring. Donations for those who wish may be sent to Ledgeview Wheelchair Fund, Route 26 Bethel Road, West Paris, ME 04289.

FREDERICK J. McMILLIN

Frederick J. McMillin, 81, of Mason Street, Bethel, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 1997, at Ledgeview Nursing Home, West Paris, following a long illness.

Born at Eskasoni, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada, on Dec. 23, 1915, the son of John J. and Virginia Edgerly McMillin, he moved to Bethel in 1923.

Mr. McMillin attended Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy in 1935. He was a life member of the Bethel Historical Society and enjoyed hunting and fishing and did electrical work around the area.

In his early years, he was a projectionist at the Odeon Hall and the old Bethel Theater. He had been employed as a lumber grader by P.H. Chadbourn Lumber Co. for 39 years, retiring in 1981.

Mr. McMillin's retirement was spent fixing up his home on Mason Street and helping with electrical jobs in the area.

He could be found sitting on a bench on the Bethel Common conversing with anyone who cared to stop by.

Survivors include his wife, the former Minabelle Strout, whom he married Oct. 9, 1944, of Bethel; one daughter, Patricia Marie Whitman of Bryant Pond; two sons, Delma F. of Bethel and John A. of South Gardiner; five sisters, Edna Curtis, Katherine McMillin, Jo Monahan and Ethelyn Caillouet, all of Bethel and Nikki Miller of Berkeley, Calif.; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, one brother, Roderick S., one sister, Evelyn Merrill, and his first wife, Frances Strout.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Our Lady of the Snows Church, Bethel. In lieu of flowers, his family has requested that donations be sent to the Bethel Rescue, c/o Arlene Greenleaf, Main Street, Bethel, or Bethel Historical Society, P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Bethel, in the spring.

PHILIP H. MILLIGAN

Philip H. Milligan, 83, of Rumford Point, died Sunday, Feb. 23, 1997, at the Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, where he had been a patient the past six days. A lifelong resident of the area, he resided on the Ellis River Road in Rumford Point.

He was born in Rumford on Oct. 22, 1913, the son of Ambrose and Rita (Peabody) Milligan. He graduated from Stephens High School, Rumford, in 1931. He retired from Boise Cascade Paper Co., after 40 years in the Insurance and Safety departments.

He was married in Rumford on May 1, 1939, to Claire A. Paradis.

Mr. Milligan had attended the Rumford United Methodist Church and was a member of Boise Cascade Paper Co. 25 & 40 Year Club. He loved the outdoors, especially gardening and his trips to Florida and Prince Edward Island.

Besides his wife of Rumford Point, he is survived by three daughters, Carol Jean Wood of Warren, Sharon Ann Bilodeau of Lewiston, and Phyllis Louise Belanger of New Hampshire; three

sisters, Mrs. Warren (Shirley) Farwell and Mrs. Richard (Nellie) Burgess of Rumford, and Mrs. Francis (Barbara) Noble of Bridgton; four brothers, Merle of Avon Park, Fla., John of Norridgewock, Earl of Rumford, and Carl of Oxford; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Minnie Hallett and four brothers, Harold, Saban, Allie and Loring "Pat" Milligan.

Friends are invited to attend memorial services, to be announced later in the spring, at the Rumford United Methodist Church. Those who desire, may contribute to the American Heart Association, Maine Affiliate, P.O. Box 346, Augusta, ME 04330-0346 in his memory.

MARION W. ABBOTT

Marion W. Abbott, 72, died Sunday, Feb. 23, 1997, at her residence on North Main Street, Andover, where she had resided the past 35 years. She was formerly of Bethel and Rumford.

Mrs. Abbott was born in Bethel on Sept. 24, 1924, the daughter of Clive and Alice (Conner) Waterhouse. She graduated from Gould Academy in 1942. She was formerly employed for over 18 years at Andover Wood Products.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil G. Abbott, whom she married in Bethel on Oct. 6, 1945; one daughter, Mrs. George (Mary) Bilodeau; one son, Albert Abbott of Buckfield; two grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Jimmy (Helen) Miller of Portsmouth, N.H., and Mrs. Jean Monzo of Bethel; four brothers, Howard Waterhouse of San Diego, Calif., Richard Waterhouse of Mexico, Lawrence and Norris Waterhouse of Bethel. She was predeceased by a brother, Rodney, and two sisters, Madeline and Betty.

At the family's request, there are no calling hours and graveside services will be held in the spring at the East Ellis Cemetery, Rumford.

IDA JANE LURVEY

Ida Jane Lurvey, 87, died Monday, Feb. 24, 1997, at Ledgeview Nursing Home, West Paris.

Mrs. Lurvey was born Sept. 12, 1909, the daughter of Stanton R. and Clara A. "Cole" Cole. She was educated in the elementary schools of Greenwood and attended Woodstock High School. She received her high school diploma with highest honors from the American School. She married Merle P. Lurvey on Nov. 26, 1927; he died March 1, 1996.

She was a homemaker and housewife and had worked at E.L. Tebbets Mill, from where she retired. She also worked in the cafeteria for SAD44.

She was a member of the Locke Mills Union Church, the Locke Mills Community Club, and was a charter member of the Ladies Circle in Locke Mills. She loved flowers, crocheting, reading and fishing and was an avid fan of the Boston Celtics and the Boston Red Sox.

Survivors include a son and his wife, Roy and Mary Lurvey of Gorham; a daughter and her husband, Beverly and Richard Melville of Locke Mills; a brother, Robert S. Cole of Bethel; seven grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a grandson, Michael Lurvey, who died in 1987; a brother, Willard Cole; and a sister, Laura Dorothy Durgin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Locke Mills Union Church. Burial will be in the Mt. Abram Cemetery, Locke Mills, in the spring. Visiting hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Andrews Funeral Home, 64 Andrews Road, South Woodstock. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Ida's memory to the Locke Mills Union Church, c/o Diane Howe, 1760 Intervale Road, Bethel, ME 04217.

In Loving Memory of

Gerald Walker

March 1, 1942 to

April 2, 1996

It has been nearly a year since you left us with pain in our hearts, that doesn't go away. I would give so much to hear your voice, hold your hand, or just sit next to you and talk.

Now that it is your birthday, I would love to give you a hug and tell you how much all your family misses you.

Happy Birthday Dad,
Love Your Daughter, Judy

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all my Bethel friends for the loads of cards, visits and calls while I was in the hospital. Thanks also to my family, I couldn't have done it without their help.

Love you all,
Gwen Currier

Card of Thanks

The family of Frances Bennett wishes to thank the neighbors and friends for all their acts of kindness during our recent bereavement.

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